



Seal on the Move

• Seals and Sea Lions are members of the order Pinnipedia [fin-footed]







Seal

- Characteristics:
  - Streamlined bodies for swimming



- Characteristics: (continued)
  - Thick layer of blubber for insulation, food reserves and buoyancy



- Characteristics: (continued)
  - Elephant Seal is the largest at 8,500 lbs. full grown
  - Ringed Seal is the smallest at I 10 lbs. full grown



Elephant Seal

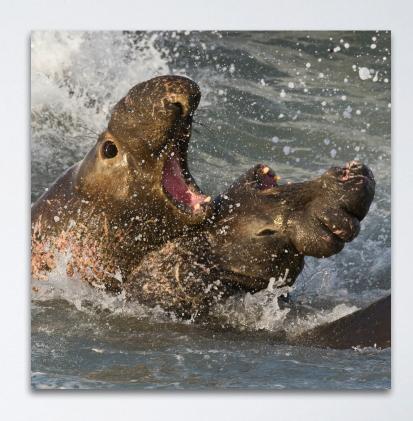
- Feeding:
  - They are predators, feeding mainly on fish and squid
  - Leopard seals will eat penguins and small seals



- Habitat:
  - They typically live in the cold ocean waters
  - Some seals make caves in the snow to live in



- Mating and Reproduction:
  - Males issue deep throaty calls to attract females and to warn others that his female is taken
  - Males are very territorial and will fight for the right to mate with unto 50 females





Elephant Seal Battle [graphic]

- Mating and Reproduction:
  - Mothers carry their young for approximately 10 months and have just one pup a year
  - Pups stay on land for about a month until their waterproof fur grows in





Mom and Pup Seal at Smithsonian's National Zoo

#### SEALS AND SEA LIONS Seal Lions vs. Seals **External Ear** No External Ear **Long Neck Short Neck Postier Flipper Postier Flipper** [can move forward] [cannot move forward] Seal Sea Lion **Anterior Flipper** [can rotate back] **Anterior Flipper** Claws and Fur [cannot rotate back] No Claws and Fur



Sea Lions vs. Seals

Types of Seals



Crabeater Seal



Weddell Seal



Leopard Seal



Leopard Seal

Types of Seals on Long Island



Harbor Seal



Hooded Seal



Harp Seal

Types of Sea Lions



California Sea Lion



Steller Sea Lion

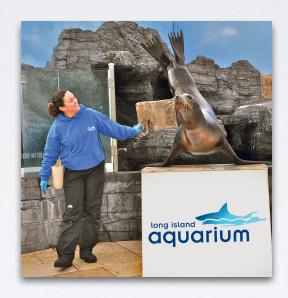


Galapagos Sea Lion



San Francisco Sea Lion

Types of Sea Lions on Long Island



None...just at Java and Bunker at LI Aquarium!

- Seals and Sea Lions are protected in US waters under the Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Most seals are not endangered excepts for the Galápagos fur seal and the monk seal
- The Caribbean monk seal was declared extinct in 2008



Caribbean Monk Seal