

Join Estuary Explorers!
a new marine biology club....









What is a marine
biologist?









Marine biologists are SCIENTISTS!!

But what's a scientist??



Scientists ask questions and try to find answers!

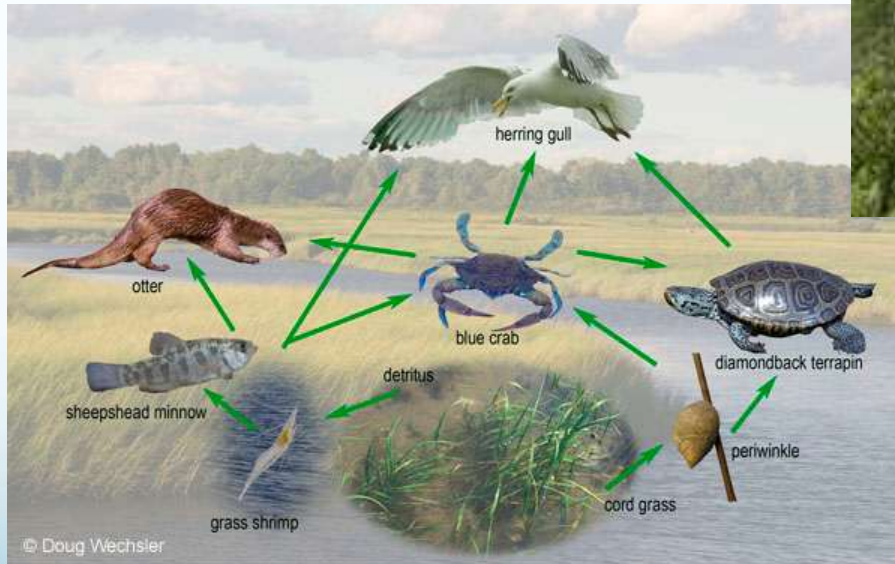
- You don't have to work in a laboratory to solve problems.
- Have YOU ever been a scientist?





Marine biologists answer questions about plants and animals that live in salt water: like the ocean or the bay

I'm a marine biologist and I like to study salt marshes!



I like salt marshes because so many baby animals live there!



But some salt marshes are dying!

What do you think is causing them to die?

What do you think can happen if there are no salt marshes?



So how do I answer these questions?

First, I pick out study sites...

This is fun because I get to go to muddy, wild places, where other people never go!



Then I measure the grass

Sometimes it's short, sometimes it's tall, sometimes there are lots of baby plants.



Then I count snails, mussels, and fiddler crabs!



It's really fun, but it takes a long time...

- And sometimes the mud is really stinky
- Other times it's too hot or too cold
- And sometimes the bugs bite or scare me



Would you like to help me?



If you think this looks fun or interesting, join Estuary Explorers!

- We meet after school on Thursdays
- We will learn how to use all sorts of science equipment
- We will meet the animals that live in our area!