

# SEA OTTER



Floats high  
in the water

Flippers often  
held out of  
water

Swims primarily on back

Found in salt water

## WATER BEHAVIOR

### Sea Otter

- Eats while floating on back
- Paddles with hind feet and tail
- Single pup

# RIVER OTTER



Body mostly  
submerged

Found in salt  
and fresh water

Swims belly down

### River Otter

- Rarely eats in water
- Paddles with webbed feet
- Multiple pups



# SEA OTTER

Tail flattened and uniform width, less than 1/3 body length

Ears hard to see

Front paws  
Rear flippers

## LAND BEHAVIOR

### Sea Otter

- Adults range between 50 and 100 pounds
- Rarely comes ashore
- Awkward movement

# RIVER OTTER

Tail round and tapered  
More than 1/2 body length

Visible ears

All feet similar size

### River Otter

- Adults approximately 30 pounds
- Often comes ashore
- Swift, agile movement

Visible claws

