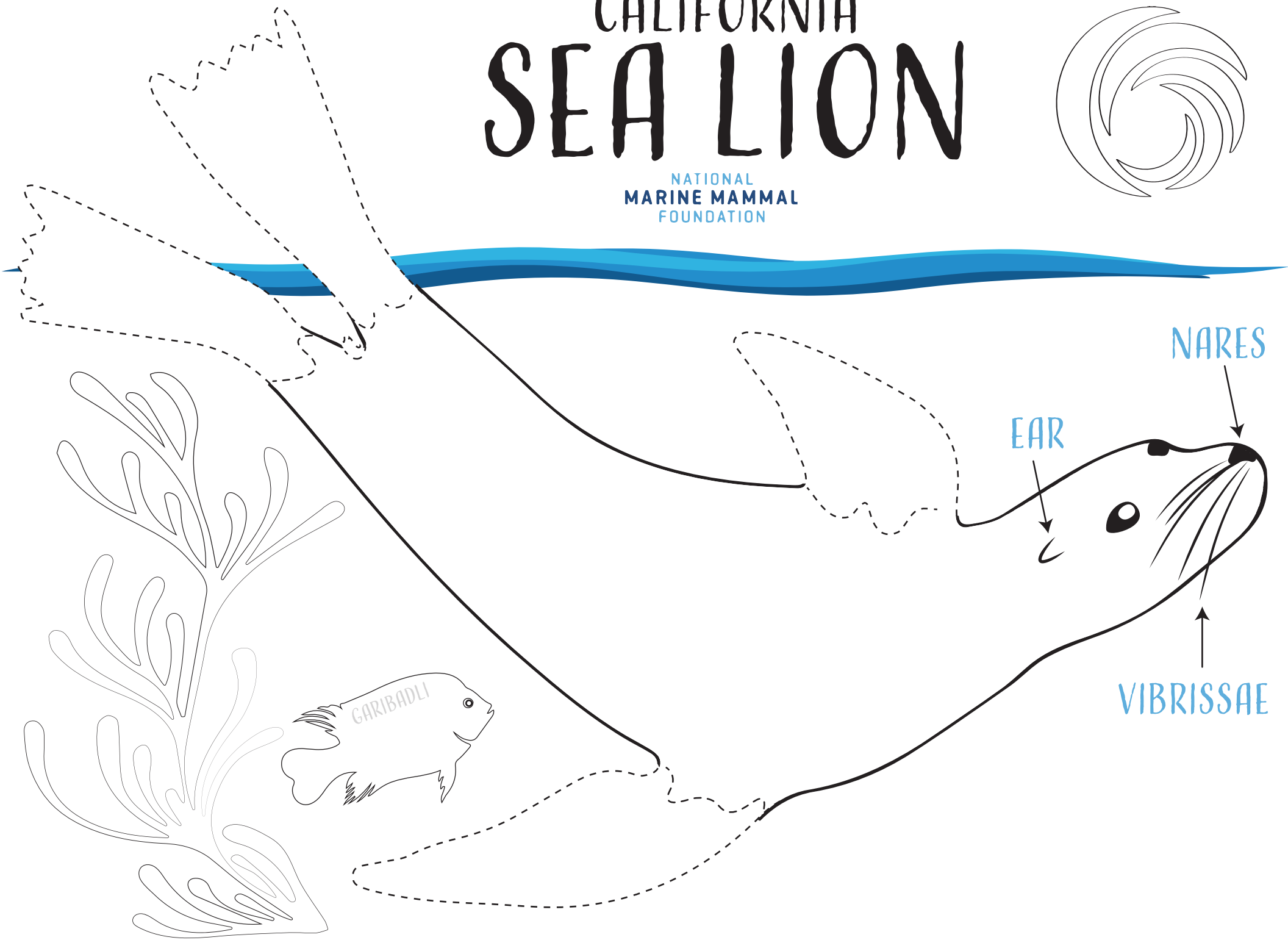
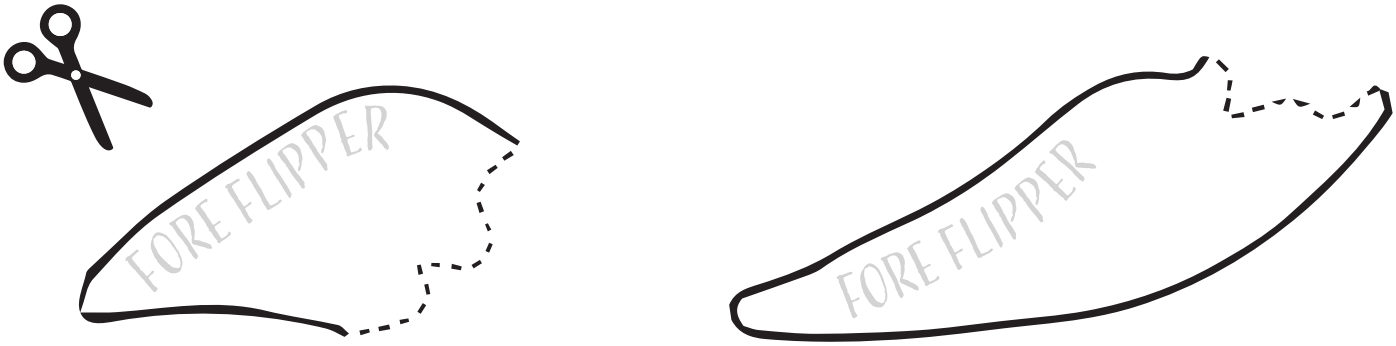
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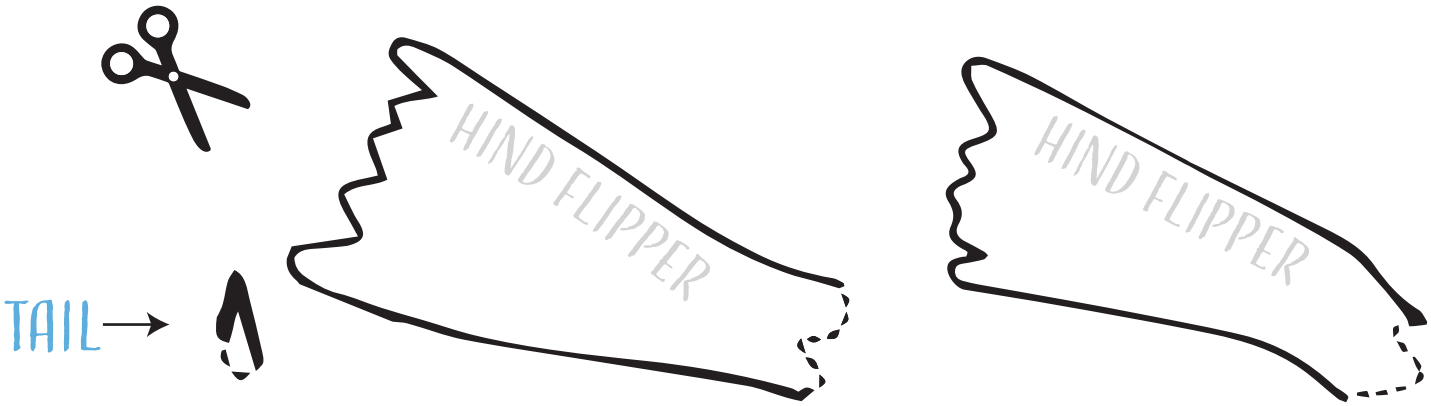


DIRECTIONS: Read and learn about the two different types of flippers below. Color the sea lion and ocean scene, then each of the four flippers and the tail. Cut the five shapes out (including the tail). Using a glue stick attach the flippers and tail on the correct location of the sea lion!

FORE FLIPPERS: Used to push through the water.



HIND FLIPPERS: Used for steering, like rudders on a boat.



SEAL VS SEA LION: Seals and sea lions differ in physical characteristics and adaptations. California sea lions are brown, bark loudly, "walk" on land using their large flippers and have visible ear flaps. They also have exceptional underwater directional hearing. Harbor seals have small flippers, wriggle on their bellies on land, and lack visible ear flaps.