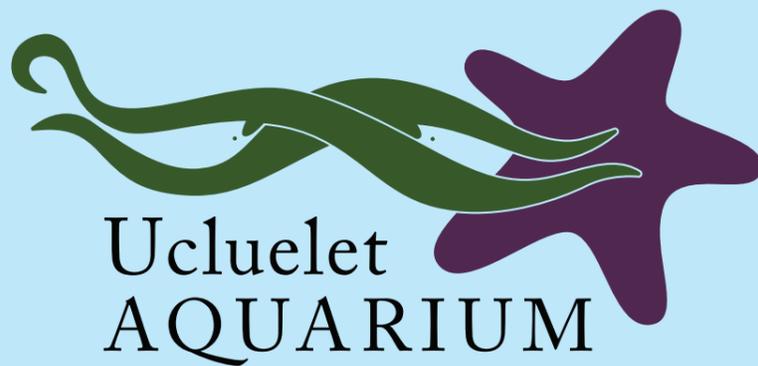


# BE A BETTER BEACH GOER

Our beaches host hundreds of thousands of visitors each year – that’s a lot of interactions for its inhabitants. Luckily, there are small things that you can do to help keep our beaches, oceans and their inhabitants wild and pristine!



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## Lose the Loop

Wonder why people spend so much time cutting the circles of plastic 6 pack holders? Entanglements are still a big issue. These circular plastics, especially packing bands, find themselves around the necks of everything from small birds to sea lions. The moral of the story: anything can end up in the ocean, so lose that loop!



## Ban the Bottle and Bag!

Plastic bags and bottles wash up on our beaches regularly. Canadians use an average of 2.86 billion plastic bags a year!



## Don't feed the Sea Lions

Or their friends. Would you hand feed a grizzly bear? That's essentially what you're doing when you offer fish to a sea lion. A fed bear is a dead bear and sea lions are the bears of our oceans, so don't feed them and discourage others from doing so!

## Watch your Step!

Exploring intertidal areas is a great way to learn more about local sea life – but watch where you step...barnacles have feelings too!



## Hang on to your Butts!

Cigarette butts are the most common garbage we find on our beaches and coastal creatures often mistake them for food. Hang on to them and make sure you dispose of them properly.

## Leave the Beach at the Beach

You might have some sand in your sheets after a trip to the beach, but leave those shells behind! The sale and collection of shells off of beaches has a huge impact on local biodiversity. Curiosities (or shells) sold in shops often come from areas that have been stripped clean of sea stars and urchins – important predators and prey for a variety of species!

