

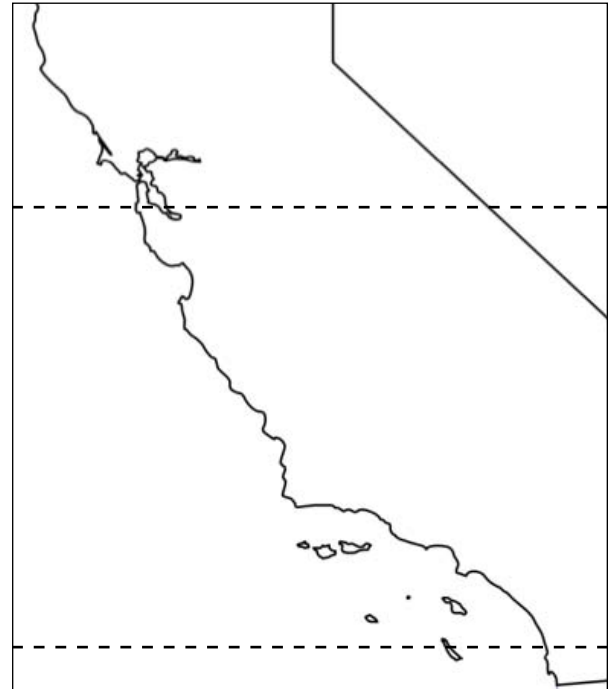
SOUTHERN SEA OTTER - CASE STUDY

The Southern Sea Otter lives along the California coast. The otter's habitat includes bays and outer coasts. Recently, a group of Southern Sea Otters was brought to live around San Nicholas Island.

In 1977, after the number and range of Southern Sea Otters decreased, a Recovery Program began for the conservation of sea otters. When the Recovery Program ended, biologists agreed that range expansion was key to the survival of the otters. If the range of sea otters grew, and the otters spread out over the range, then a major oil spill might not reach each otter. If the oil spill happened in a small area where all the sea otters were living, every sea otter would be harmed.

Identify

1. Find the islands in the Pacific Ocean on the Map. Circle the Islands.
2. Trace the coastline habitat of the Southern Sea Otter between the two dashed lines.
3. Draw three stars to label three cities. Make sure one of the cities you label is Fillmore.



Questions

1. Describe two similarities between the Desert Tortoise and the California Condor.

2. Describe two differences between the Desert Tortoise and the California Condor.
