

# Special Status Animal Species Coloring Book

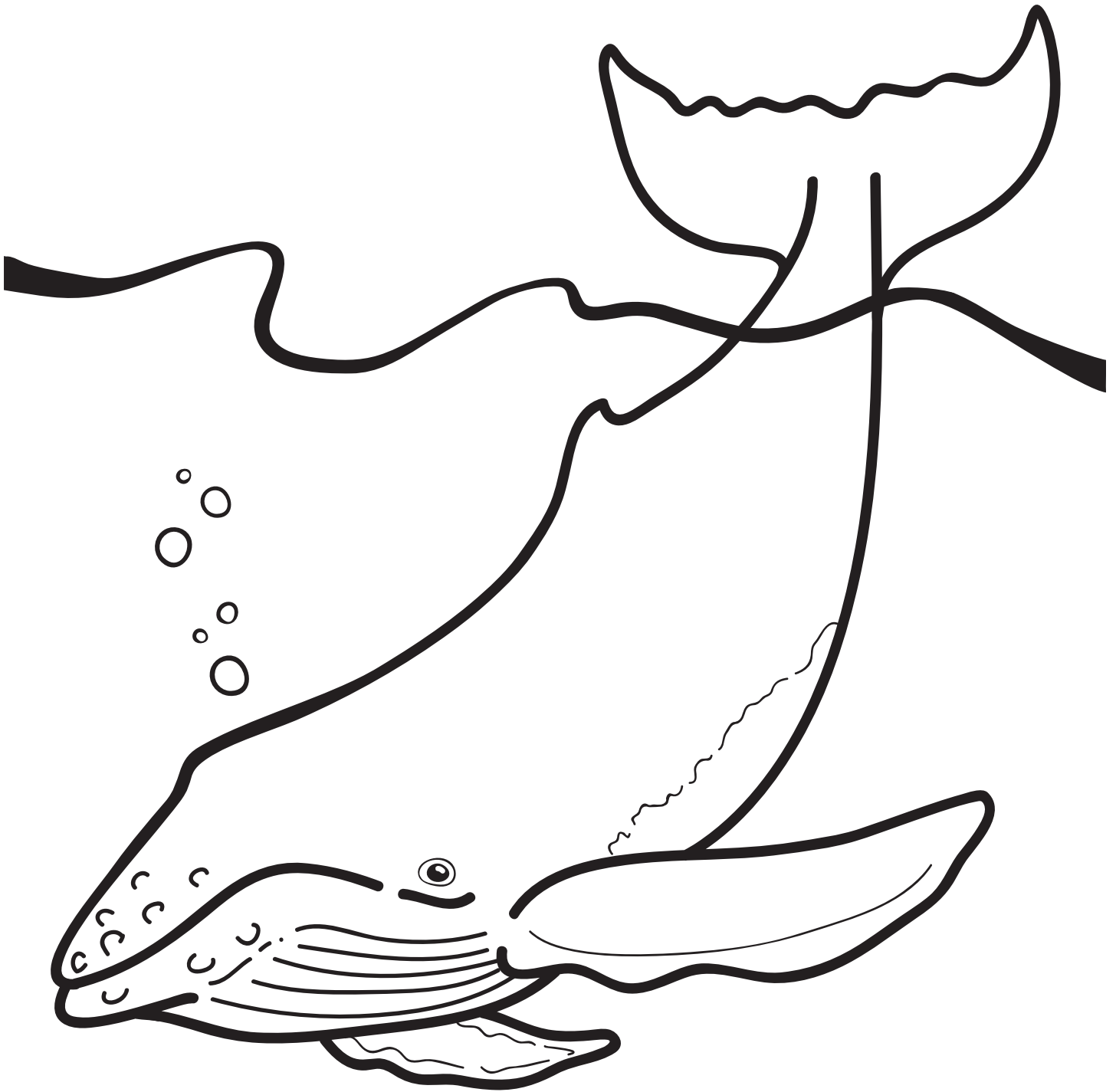


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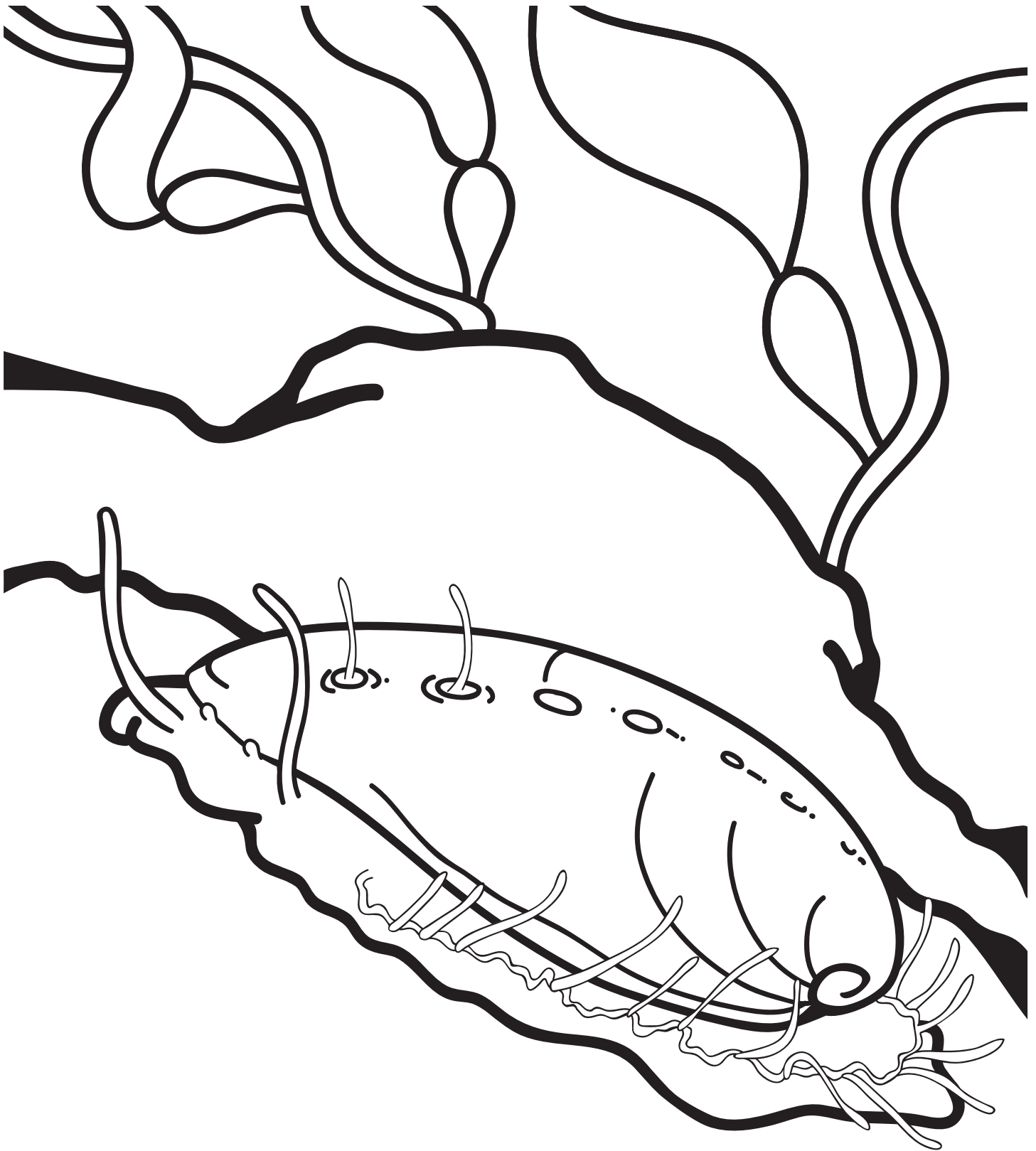


**Southern sea otter:** Sea otters are in the same family as weasels and need to eat 25 % of their body weight in food every day! You can see sea otters at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and Moss Landing State Beach.  
(Federally Listed as Threatened)



**Humpback whale:** Humpbacks feed and breed in coastal waters. Sometimes humpbacks gather in coordinated groups of 20 or more whales and work together to herd and capture prey such as krill and small herding fish. We can help humpback whales by reducing our pollution. These whales and other marine mammals live in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. (Federally Listed as Endangered)

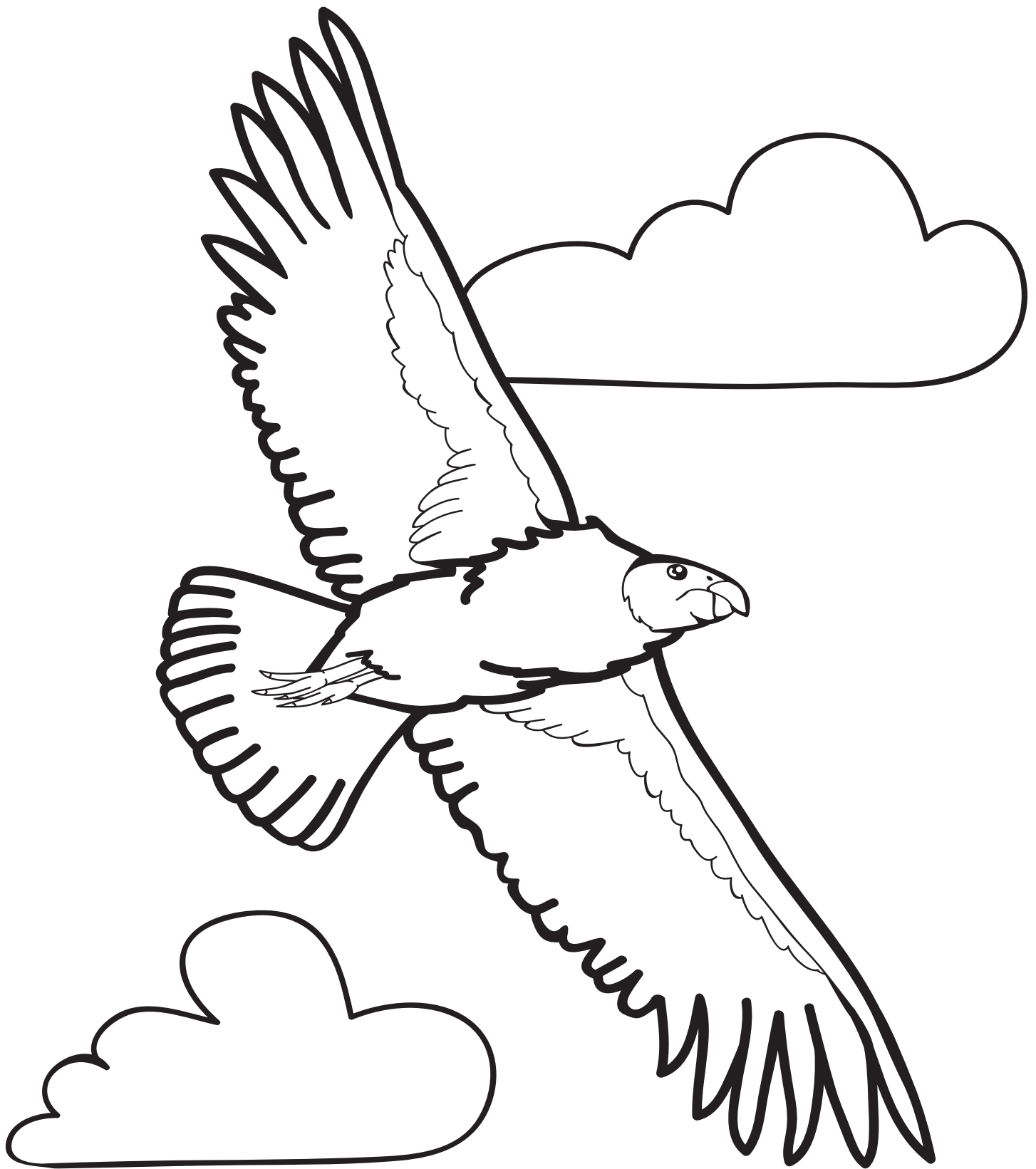




**Black abalone:** Abalone are mollusks that use their strong muscular “foot” to attach to rocks and crevices; abalone often become exposed at low tides. Black abalone are herbivores that feed on intertidal and subtidal species of seaweed (e.g. algae). They can be seen at Asilomar State Beach. (Federally Listed as Endangered)



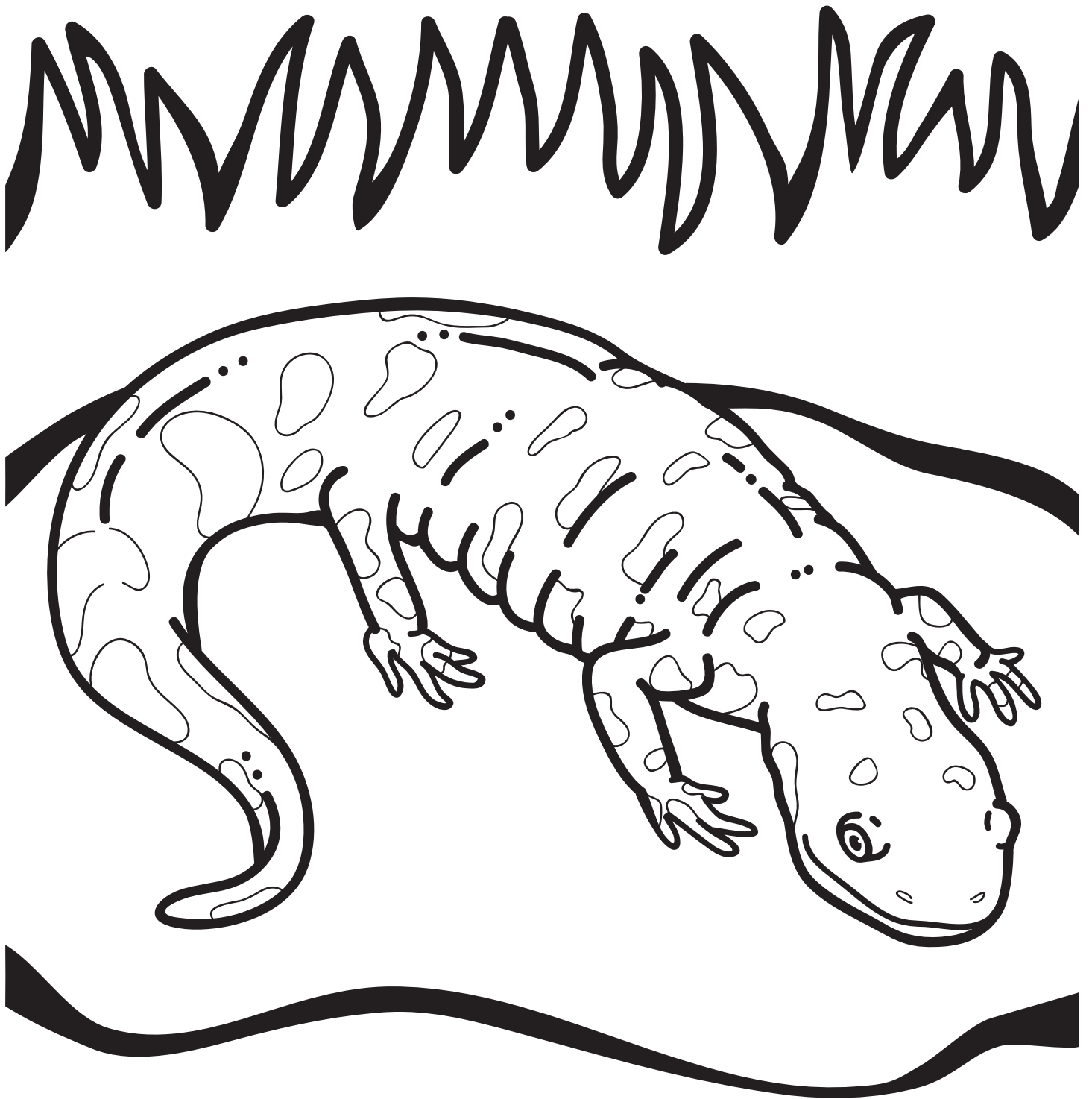
**San Joaquin kit fox:** The San Joaquin kit fox is the smallest of all foxes in North America and is related to dogs. They eat mostly mice, rats, squirrels, and jackrabbits. (State Listed as Threatened/Federally Listed as Endangered)



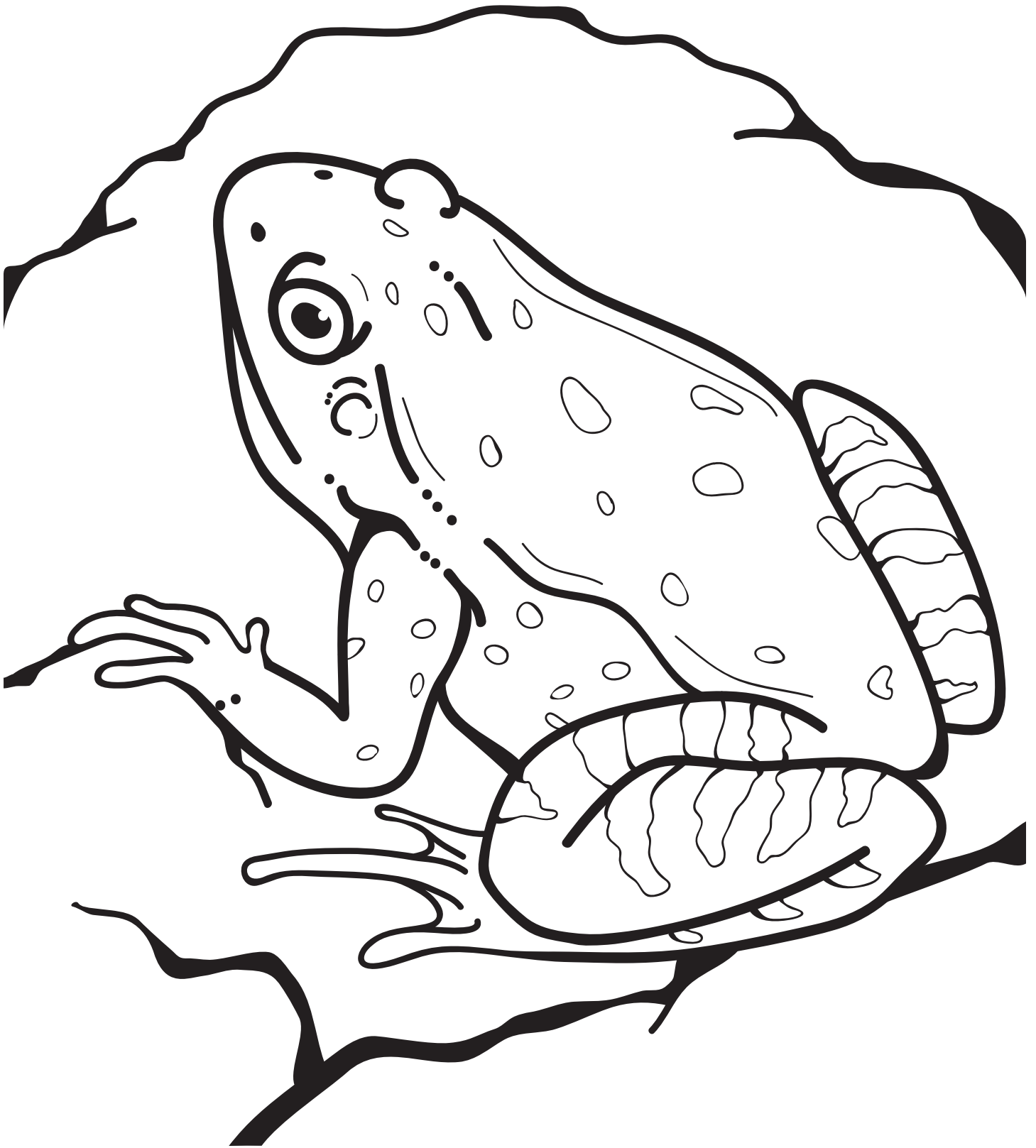
**California condor:** With the longest wingspan (more than 9 feet) of any land bird in North America, this scavenger may live up to 60 years. If you are lucky, you might see a condor flying in the Big Sur area. (State Listed/Federally Listed as Endangered)



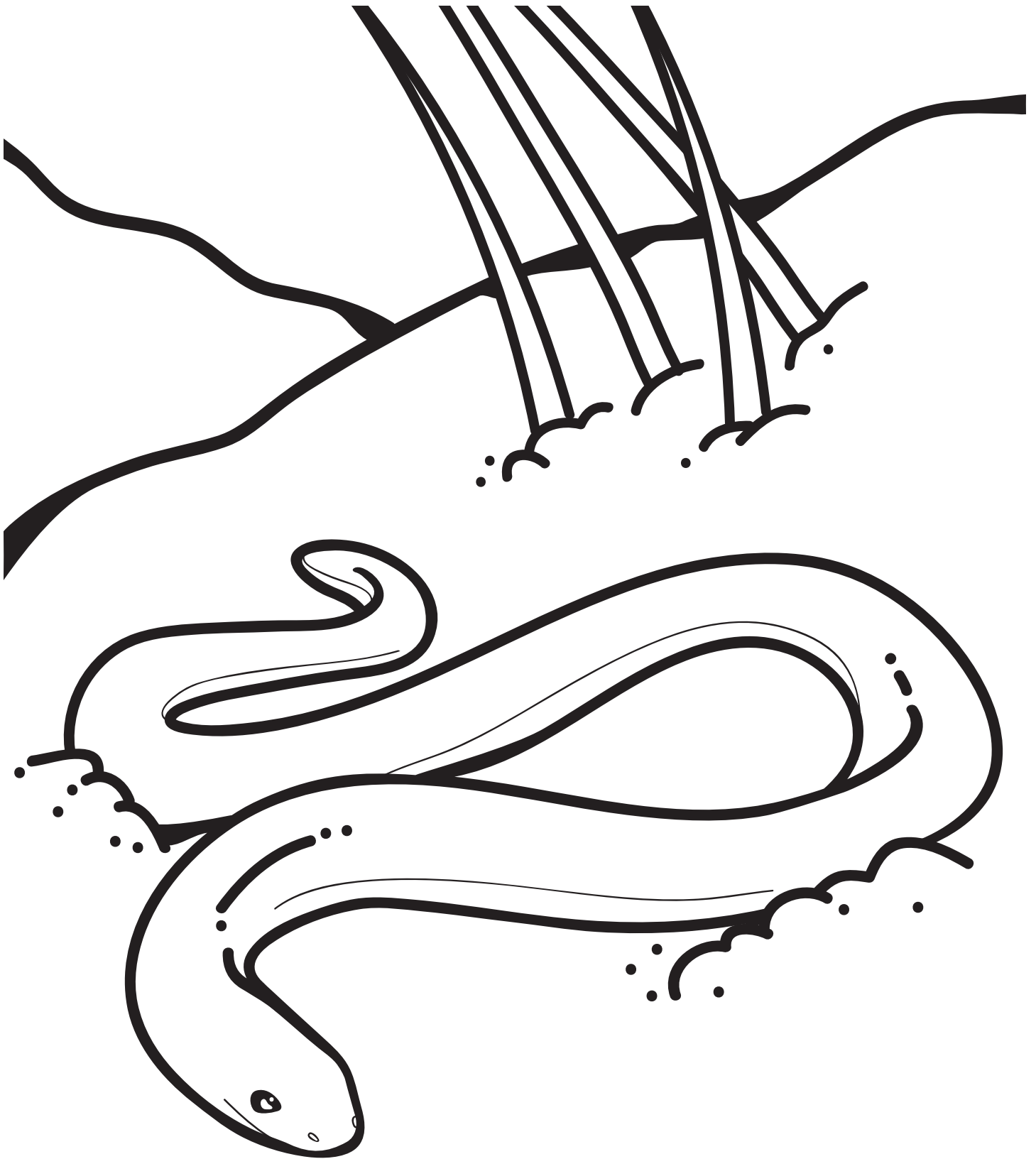
**Western Snowy Plover:** This small shorebird nests on open, sandy beaches and relies on stealth and cryptic coloration to escape detection from people and predators. Dogs are not allowed on beaches where snowy plovers live to help these imperiled birds survive. Birds and marine life can become entangled in discarded plastic debris. Help pick up debris by participating in local beach cleanups. (Federally Listed as Threatened and California Species of Special Concern)



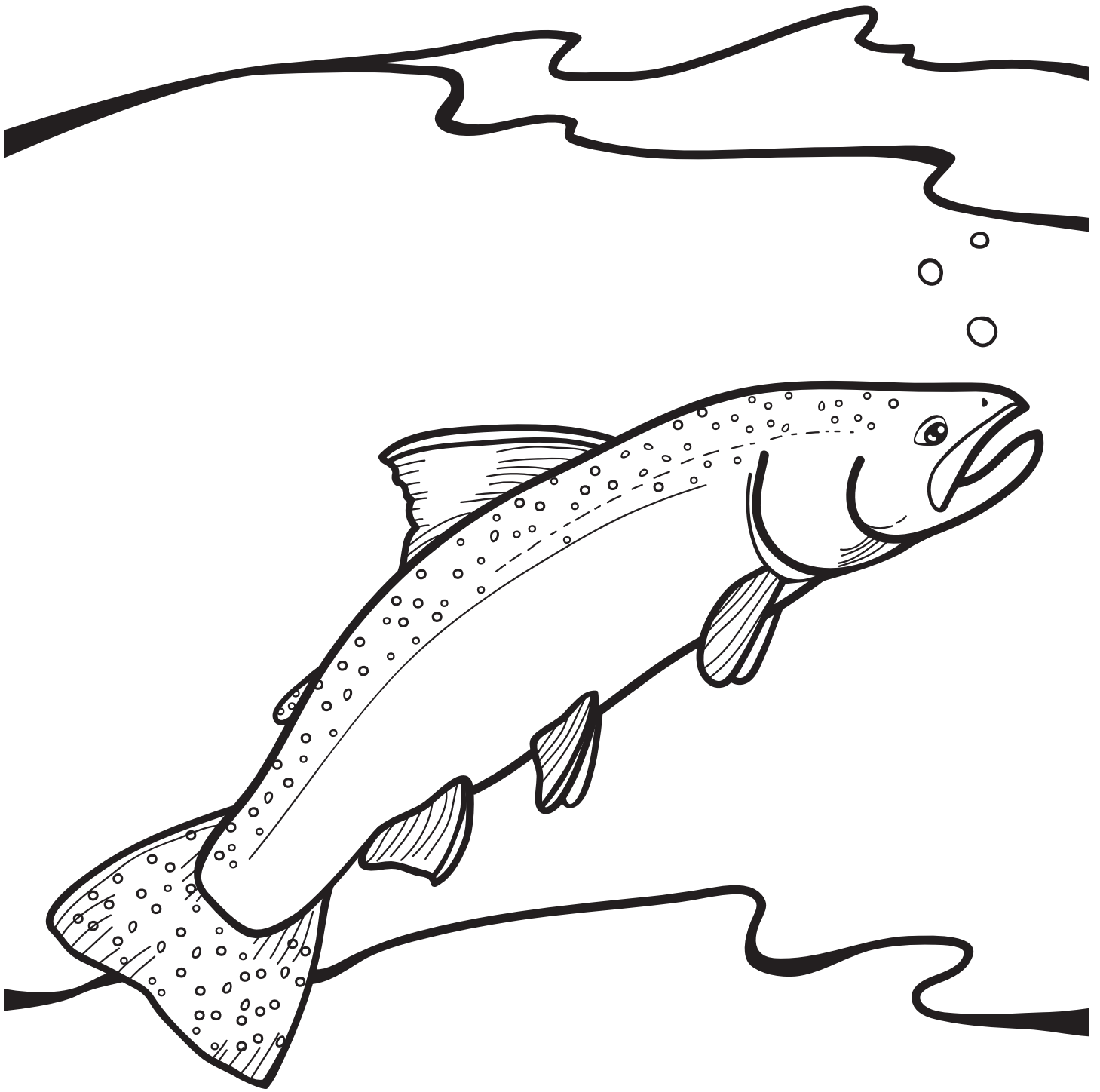
**California tiger salamander:** A California tiger salamander spends most of its life underground. Squirrels' burrows are often a very important part of the habitat of these salamanders. (State Listed as Threatened/Federally Listed as Threatened)



**California red-legged frog:** California red-legged frogs are the largest native frog in California. When people ate almost all of the red-legged frogs, bullfrogs were introduced to California! You might see these frogs at Henry Coe State Park and Carmel River State Beach. (Federally Listed as Threatened)

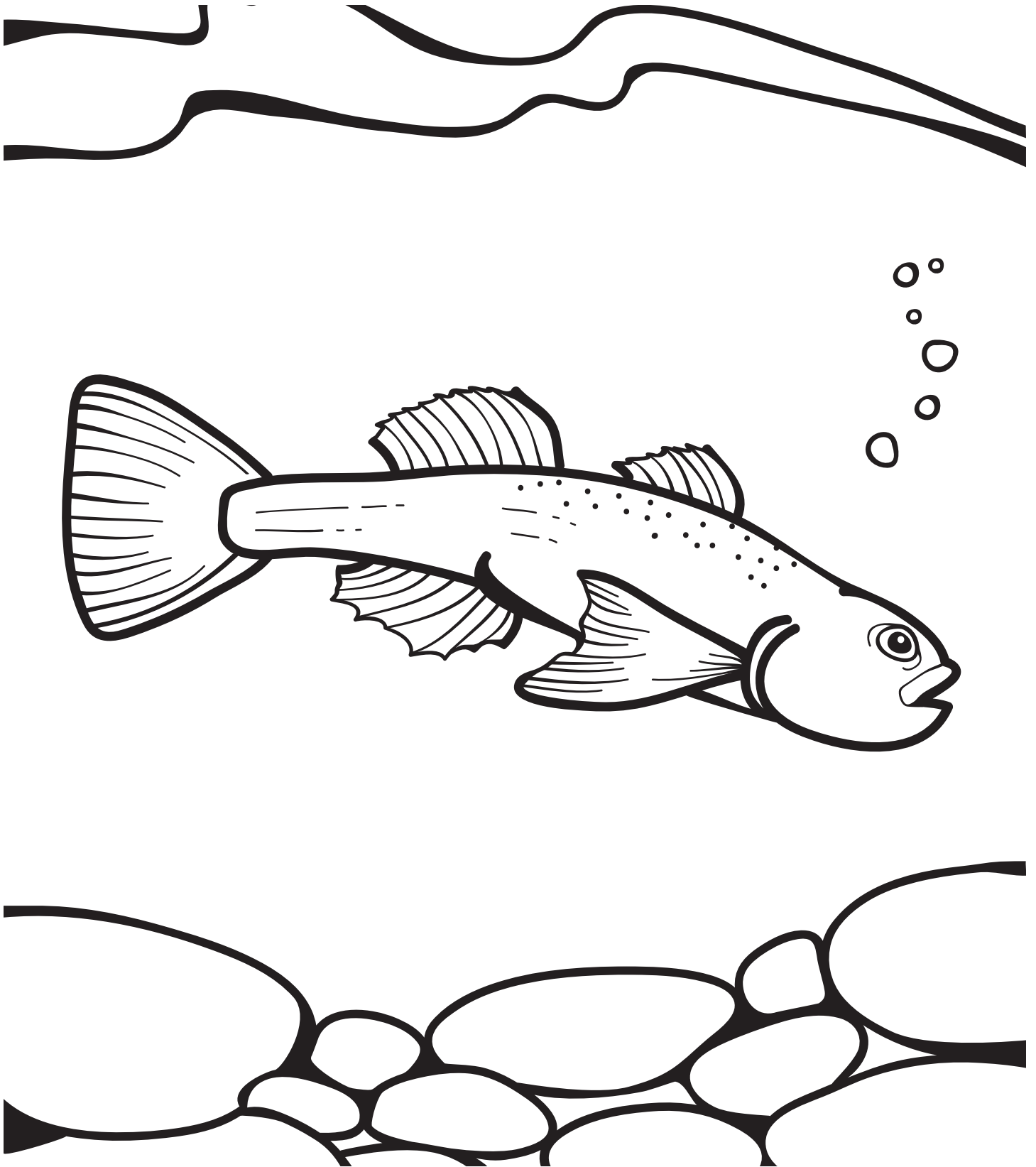


**California legless lizard:** Moveable eyelids and the ability to shed its tail are two features that distinguish this small lizard from a snake. It lives under the surface of the sand and is therefore rarely seen. (California Species of Special Concern)

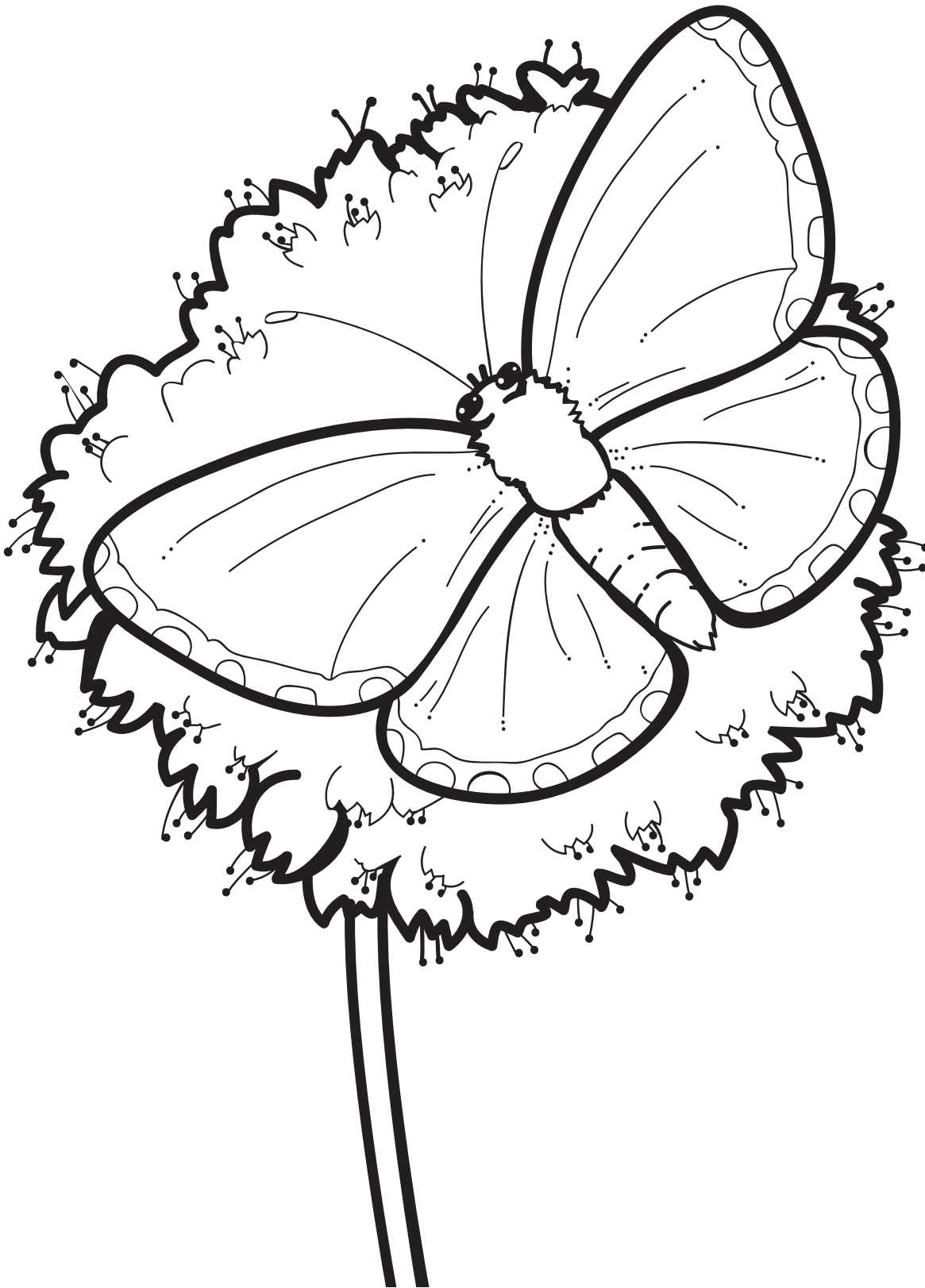


**Steelhead trout:** Born in fresh water streams and rivers along the west coast of the United States, these remarkable fish spend several years at sea, then return to their place of birth to lay eggs. When you are visiting Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, please do not build rock dams in the Big Sur River because dams block fish migration upstream. (Federally Listed as Threatened)





**Tidewater goby:** These tiny lagoon or estuary-dwelling fish can be brown, grey or olive colored and are often transparent. They rarely grow to more than two inches long and may change color when fighting. (Federally Listed as Endangered)



**Smith's blue butterfly:** This butterfly spends the majority of its time on the flower-heads of seacliff or coast buckwheat plants. Look closely for this butterfly at Fort Ord Dunes State Park because the wing span of this butterfly is only one inch. (Federally Listed as Endangered)





## Smith's Blue Butterfly

This coloring book is a product of California State Parks' 150th Anniversary commemoration.

We hope that your family will enjoy this book and learn about the "Special Status Animal Species" that live in the state parks in the Monterey District.

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