Meet the Locals Worksheet



1.	Why is it important to	know the local dolphins of	f an area and where they live?
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2.	Record	vour Dolp	hin Card	number:	
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3. Describe markings on your dorsal fin (using parts of a fin from the picture).



- 4. Record the Photo ID number (from presentation): ______
- 5. Record the sighting locations (Cooper estuary, Stono estuary or Coastal) of this dolphin:

a.	 	 	
b.			

C. _____

Estuary	Body of Water		
Cooper	Cooper River, Ashley		
	River, Wando River,		
	Charleston Harbor		
Stono	Stono River, Kiawah River		

- 6. According to these sightings, which type of bottlenose dolphin do you have (circle one)?
 - a. Estuarine
 - b. Coastal
 - c. Both
- 7. Listen to the Clue Cards read by your teacher. Work with your group to figure out which Clue Card goes along with your dolphin and record your dolphin information in the table below.

Clue number	
Number of times sighted	
Locations sighted	
Sex (male or female)	
Dorsal fin markings	
Dolphin ID number	

- 8. What is a sentinel species?
- 9. After learning about these residential bottlenose dolphins of the Charleston, SC area, do you agree that this population is a good sentinel species? Why or why not?