

Name _____

Helping Right Whales—Right Now



Areas along the east coast of the United States are numbered on the map to the left. In the blanks below, write the number of the area being described.

1. Right whales spend summers feeding off the coast of New England. _____

2. In the fall, right whales migrate south. The females have their babies off the coast of Georgia or Florida. _____

3. Along the way, right whales pass through busy shipping lanes, like the ones near Norfolk, Virginia. _____

4. North Atlantic right whales are one of the world's rarest (a) marsupials, (b) mammoths, (c) mammals.

5. There are now fewer than (a) 300, (b) 3,000, (c) 30,000 of them surviving.

6. Scientists keep track of each remaining right whale. They can tell them apart by (a) the color of their fins, (b) bumps on their heads, (c) their teeth.

7. The National Marine Fisheries Service is a (a) branch of the military, (b) fishing company, (c) government agency responsible for taking care of oceans and ocean animals.

8. Right whales normally swim (a) slowly, (b) very fast, (c) upside down, (d) to the right.