Are you looking out for sea otters?

Sea otters are the smallest marine mammal and they rely on their fur to keep warm. They have very little body fat and don’t store energy well. To be healthy and successfully rear their pups, they need to:

- Rest a lot
- Eat a lot
- Groom a lot

When we get TOO CLOSE they may

- Wake up, become nervous, or stop feeding
- Become frightened and dive or swim away

Give them space—At least 5 kayak lengths
Be alert—Back away if you see behavior changes
Avoid approaching head on—A direct approach may scare them
Don’t encircle them—They’ll feel trapped

Be respectful—don’t cause them to change their behavior

If we’re looking at you, you’re TOO CLOSE!

Follow these tips for safe sea otter viewing

Sea otters are protected under the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and California State Law.

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