



Sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*) are the largest members of the weasel family, growing 4 -5 feet long and weighing 80 pounds on average. They have a dense and luxurious coat, which consists of 600,000 to 1,000,000 hairs per square inch. Sea otters favor shallow coastal waters, especially kelp beds, and feed in the intertidal zone on clams, mussels, crabs and sea urchins.

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