	 Marine organisms have adaptations to help them survive.
	 Characteristics of water affect life in the oceans.
	 Photic zones of the oceans exhibit markedly different types of life.
Essential	 Marine life can be characterized and identified in many different
Understandings	ways.
	 Marine mammal evolution mimics evolution of terrestrial mammals.
	 What specific adaptations have different marine organisms
	established to help their survival?
Essential	 What challenges do marine ecosystem present to the organisms
Questions	that live in them?
	 How do buoyancy, resistance, and movement of water affect
	marine life?
	• What is the evolutionary history of marine mammals?
	How are diverse phytoplankton identified and categorized? What replies a seed as for each as into gradient or diverse are in a seed as for each as a form of the seed as for each as
	 What makes coral reefs such an integral and important marine
	ecosystem? How can the loss of one marine ecosystem affect others?
	How can the loss of one marine ecosystem affect others?How are marine algae identified?
	 How are different fish species categorized?
	 How do adaptations change according to the depth organisms
	inhabit?
	How do some marine organisms utilize sound?
	What role do marine organisms play in the world's food webs?
	 How are different phyla of marine organisms evolutionarily related?
	The adaptations of different marine organisms are diverse but allow
	for reproductive success in a variety of ecosystems.
	 A marine organism's ability to change their buoyancy is integral to
	their survival.
Essential	 Currents and other movements of water greatly affect marine life.
Knowledge	 Changes in the relative numbers of marine organisms in a given
	population can affect food webs across the globe.
	 Marine mammals evolved from terrestrial mammals.
	 Phytoplankton can be identified and characterized.
	 Different photic zones and coral reefs are home to key species of
	marine organisms that affect other marine ecosystems around the
	world.
	Marine algae can be identified and characterized. Figh are acted as a regime declaration at the improved state of the control of th
	Fish are categorized according to their evolutionary history.
	Specific adaptations, including a swim bladder and dorsal lines, allow fish to inhabit many different marine any renments.
	 allow fish to inhabit many different marine environments. Changes in marine ecosystems can have a dramatic affect on the
	organisms that live there.
	Terms:
	 Evolution, swim bladder, kingdom, phylum, class, order,
	family, genus, species, adaptation, coral, buoyancy,
	isimi, gonas, species, adaptation, coral, bacyandy,

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Vocabulary	resistance, current, food web, cartilaginous
Essential Skills	 Describe how marine organisms take advantage of sound and its behavior in water. Explain how buoyancy, resistance, and movement of water affect marine life. Compare and contrast various marine invertebrate organisms. View, draw, design, and modify various marine invertebrate and vertebrate adaptations. Describe predator/prey relationships in the ocean. Identify given marine mammal species. Distinguish and describe how marine mammals have evolved. Organize the evolutionary history of major fish groups. Explain how a fish can change their buoyancy using a swim bladder. Hypothesize how evolution will affect future marine organisms. Compare and contrast bony and cartilaginous fish.

Science

B. The Skills and Traits of Scientific Inquiry and Technological Design B1.Skills and Traits of Scientific Inquiry

Students methodically plan, conduct, analyze data from, and communicate results of in-depth scientific investigations, including experiments guided by a testable hypothesis.

- a. Identify questions, concepts, and testable hypotheses that guide scientific investigations.
- b. Design and safely conduct methodical scientific investigations, including experiments with controls.
- c. Use statistics to summarize, describe, analyze, and interpret results.
- d. Formulate and revise scientific investigations and models using logic and evidence.
- e. Use a variety of tools and technologies to improve investigations and communications.
- f. Recognize and analyze alternative explanations and models using scientific criteria.
- g. Communicate and defend scientific ideas.

B2. Skills and Traits of Technological Design

Students use a systematic process, tools and techniques, and a variety of materials to design and produce a solution or product that meets new needs or improves existing designs.

- a. Identify new problems or a current design in need of improvement.
- b. Generate alternative design solutions.
- c. Select the design that best meets established criteria.
- d. Use models and simulations as prototypes in the design planning process.
- e. Implement the proposed design solution.
- f. Evaluate the solution to a design problem and the consequences of that solution.
- g. Present the problem, design process, and solution to a design problem including models, diagrams, and demonstrations.
- C. The Scientific and Technological Enterprise

C1.Understandings of Inquiry

Students describe key aspects of scientific investigations: that they are guided by scientific principles and knowledge, that they are performed to test ideas, and that they are communicated and defended publicly.

- a. Describe how hypotheses and past and present knowledge guide and influence scientific investigations.
- b. Describe how scientists defend their evidence and

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explanations using logical argument and verifiable resu	ults.
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C2.Understanings About Science and Technology
Students explain how the relationship between scientific inquiry
and technological design influences the advancement of ideas,
products, and systems.

- a. Provide an example that shows how science advances with the introduction of new technologies and how solving technological problems often impacts new scientific knowledge.
- b. Provide examples of how creativity, imagination, and a good knowledge base are required to advance scientific ideas and technological design.

C3. Science, Technology, and Society Students describe the role of science and technology in creating and solving contemporary issues and challenges.

c. Explain how ethical, societal, political, economic, religious, and cultural factors influence the development and use of science and technology.

C4. History and Nature of Science

Students describe the human dimensions and traditions of science, the nature of scientific knowledge, and historical episodes in science that impacted science and society.

- a. Describe the ethical traditions in science including peer review, truthful reporting, and making results public.
- b. Select and describe one of the major episodes in the history of science including how the scientific knowledge changed over time and any important effects on science and society.
- c. Give examples that show how societal, cultural, and personal beliefs and ways of viewing the world can bias scientists.
- d. Provide examples of criteria that distinguish scientific explanations from pseudoscientific ones.

D. The Physical Setting

D2.Earth

Students describe and analyze the biological, physical, energy, and human influences that shape and alter Earth Systems.

- a. Describe and analyze the effect of solar radiation, ocean currents, and atmospheric conditions on the Earth's surface and the habitability of Earth.
- Describe and analyze the effects of biological and geophysical influences on the origin and changing nature of Earth Systems.

D3.Matter and Energy

Students describe the structure, behavior, and interactions of matter at the atomic level and the relationship between matter

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and energy.
b. Describe how the number and arrangement of atoms in a molecule determine a molecule's properties, including the types of bonds it makes with other molecules and its mass, and apply this to predications about chemical reactions.
c. Explain the essential roles of carbon and water in life
processes.
e. Describe factors that affect the rate of chemical reactions (including concentration, pressure, temperature, and the presence of molecules that encourage interaction with other molecules).
f. Apply an understanding of the factors that affect the rate of chemical reaction to predictions about the rate of chemical reactions.

E. The Living Environment

E1.Biodiversity

Students describe and analyze the evidence for relatedness among and within diverse populations of organisms and the importance of biodiversity.

- a. Explain how the variation in structure and behavior of a population of organisms may influence the likelihood that some members of the species will have adaptations that allow them to survive in a changing environment.
- Describe the role of DNA sequences in determining the degree of kinship among organisms and the identification of species.
- c. Analyze the relatedness among organisms using structural and molecular evidence.
- d. Analyze the effects of changes in biodiversity and predict possible consequences.

E2.Ecosystems

Students describe and analyze the interactions, cycles, and factors that affect short-term and long-term ecosystem stability and change.

- a. Explain why ecosystems can be reasonably stable over hundreds or thousands of years, even though populations may fluctuate.
- Describe dynamic equilibrium in ecosystems and factors that can, in the long run, lead to change in the normal pattern of cyclic fluctuations and apply that knowledge to actual situations.

E3.Cells

Students describe structure and function of cells at the intracellular and molecular level including differentiation to form systems, interactions between cells and their environment, and the impact of cellular processes and changes on individuals.

c. Describe the interactions that lead to cell growth and division (mitosis) and allow new cells to carry the same information as the original cell (meiosis).

E4. Heredity and Reproduction

Students examine the role of DNA in transferring traits from generation to generation, in differentiating cells, and in evolving new species.

- c. Explain how the instructions in DNA that lead to cell differentiation result in varied cell functions in the organism and DNA.
- d. Describe the possible causes and effects of gene mutations.

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	E5.Evolution
Related Maine Learning Results	Students describe the interactions between and among species, populations, and environments that lead to natural selection and evolution. a. Describe the premise of biological evolution, citing evidence from the fossil record and evidence based on the observation of similarities within the diversity of existing organisms. b. Describe the origins of life and how the concept of natural selection provides a mechanism for evolution that can be advantageous or disadvantageous to the next generation. c. Explain why some organisms may have characteristics that have no apparent survival or reproduction advantage. d. Relate structural and behavioral adaptations of an organism to its survival in the environment.
Sample	Whale watch
Lessons	Coral reef diorama
and	Fish ID
Activities	Make your own fish market activity
	Design a fish Design a fish
	Phytoplankton ID
	Marine Algae IDMarine food webs
	Interview a whaler
	Debate on current fishing/whaling restrictions
	Fish dissection
Sample	Quiz
Classroom	Chapter Test
Assessment	Worksheets
Methods	■ Labs
	Debates
	 Dissections
	Organism IDs
	Publications:
	 Biology – Kenneth Miller and Josephine Levine
	 Biology the Dynamics of Life – Glencoe Internet Resources
Sample	 An introduction to Marine Life 6th Ed. By James Sumich
Resources	Other Resources
	 Lab Supplies