# Consider sea otters this Earth Day

# Three things sea otters do for YOU:

# 1. Combat climate change

✓ Sea otters promote the growth of kelp, which removes carbon dioxide and releases oxygen through photosynthesis.

# 2. Promote biodiversity and healthy ecosystems

- ✓ Sea otters maintain healthy habitats.
- ✓ The presence of sea otters allows many other species to thrive.

# 3. Provide amazing viewing and photographic opportunities

- $\checkmark$  Sea otters are fun and interesting to watch and photograph.
- ✓ Sea otter related tourism also helps local economies.



# Three things YOU can do for sea otters:

#### 1. Give them space

- ✓ Maintain a viewing distance of at least 50 ft.
- ✓ Pay attention to their behavior. If their behavior changes, stop and slowly back away.

# 2. Keep their habitat clean

✓ Make sure pesticides, oil, trash, used cat litter, and other pollutants don't get into the ocean or into rivers/streams.

# 3. Support initiatives and organizations that promote:

- ✓ Wetland restoration
- √ Water quality improvement
- ✓ Protecting sea otters, their habitat, & their prey resources



