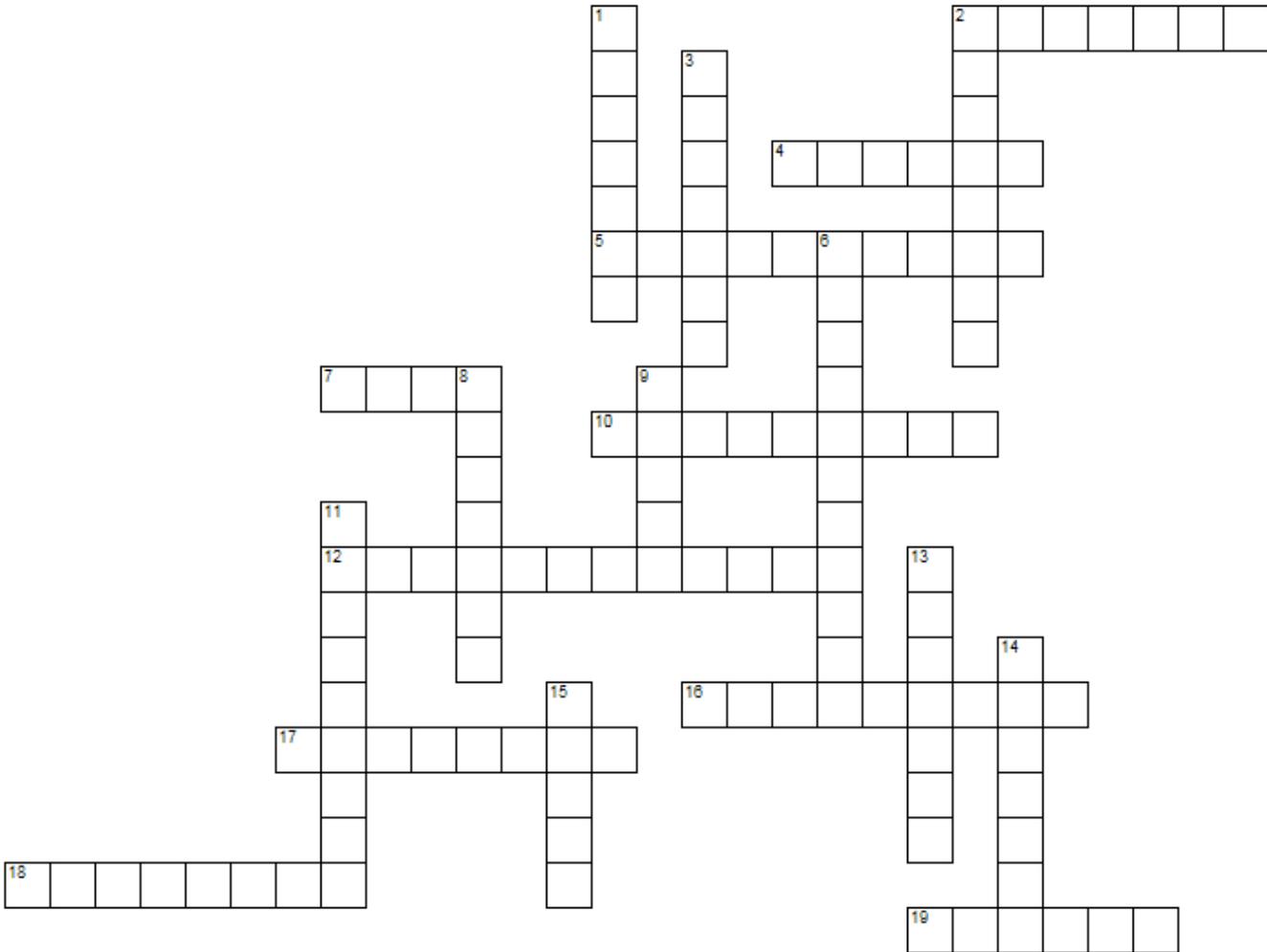


# North Atlantic Right Whales

Fill in the puzzle below using the clues on the next page.



ACROSS:

2. The Florida and Georgia coasts are their \_\_\_\_ grounds
4. What right whales have instead of teeth
5. Right whales are facing \_\_\_\_\_ if their numbers don't increase
7. They are \_\_\_\_\_-blooded
10. Whales have 2 \_\_\_\_\_, just like we have 2 nostrils
12. Sinking ground line was created to prevent this
16. Right whales lack a \_\_\_\_\_ that most other whales have
17. Right whales have paddle- shaped \_\_\_\_\_
18. Busy ports such as Boston and Charleston have \_\_\_\_ lanes
19. The number of months (on average) that a female is pregnant

DOWN

1. This keeps whales warm.
2. Right whales feed on \_\_\_\_\_
3. Critical \_\_\_\_\_ is a designated area for increased protection
6. We can identify right whales based on patterns of these
8. Right whales are not fish, but \_\_\_\_\_
9. To dive, they sometimes bring this out of the water
11. This action helps to keep plastic out of the ocean
13. The main reason why they became endangered
14. Right whales \_\_\_\_\_ from Florida to the Gulf of Maine each winter
15. Right whales are referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ whale because they stay close to shore

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Find the words listed in the puzzle below:

J Q A Y E N T A N G L E M E N T V M  
Z Q X J U S C M M A T T N F Y B K A  
B Q M A M M A L I P J F J S F L S Z  
C O P E P O D S G Z Z L I H L O U E  
N S H H B U M K R O N U V I I W R M  
E I K Q T Z B P A C O K N P P H B Q  
N T Q A A O L O T T L E F S P O A X  
D U I F F W J L E Q V K J T E L N M  
A E C K E X W L V N H G M R R E W X  
N M G Z I R M U L O O R D I S S H E  
G F S C A R S T G Z H M R K H C A R  
E S M D O W K I J W A B K E M S L I  
R T N N M H Z O P H B O A W U N E P  
E L P X F A P N O R I O E L S V U Q  
D G N Q Y P G I R A T U H C E G T F  
I G S L K W B O G D A B G I W E P E  
U V X B L U B B E R T X H U V K N V  
X A Z X X C C A L L O S I T I E S L

Baleen	Copepods	Fluke	Pollution
Blowholes	Endangered	Habitat	Scars
Blubber	Entanglement	Mammal	Ship Strike
Callosities	Flippers	Migrate	Urban Whale

## Word Search Definitions

**Baleen:** A protein structure located in a whale's mouth. This allows whales that do not have teeth to collect food and filter out water. Baleen is made of the same protein found in our fingernails.

**Blowhole:** A small opening located at the top of a cetacean's head that allows it to breathe.

**Blubber:** The fat layer of a cetacean located between the skin and muscle, from which oil is made.

**Callosities:** Grey/white-looking rough patches of skin located near and around the head of right whales that serves as an identifying characteristic of these whales.

**Copepods:** The food source for North Atlantic Right Whales. Plankton, from Spongebob Squarepants, is modeled after a copepod.

**Flippers:** Structures/limbs that help whales and other marine mammals swim through the water.

**Fluke:** The tail of a whale

**Habitat:** The home and natural environment of a plant or animal. **Mammal:** An animal that is warm-blooded, has a backbone, hair and/or fur, and has the ability to produce milk. Both whales and humans are examples of mammals.

**Migrate:** Refers to the movement of animals (like whales) that travel from one habitat to another.

**Pollution:** An introduced substance to a habitat that is harmful to the well-being of the animals and plants that live in that habitat.

**Scars:** A mark left on the skin where a wound or sore has not completely healed. Whales can get scars from entanglement in nets, vessel strikes, and from other animals.

**Ship Strike:** A collision between a boat and a marine animal.

**Urban Whale:** The nickname given to North Atlantic Right Whales, because their habitat and migration route puts them in close contact with human-activity on the water