

## STEPHEN BIRCH AQUARIUM STUDY

<https://aquarium.ucsd.edu>

### INTRODUCTION:

In the Fall of 1992 the Stephen Birch Aquarium opened, replacing the Vaughn Aquarium on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography campus. The aquarium is divided up into various marine biogeographic regions with signage that denotes habitat, occupants and other important information.

This exercise is arranged to generally walk you through the aquarium from beginning to end. The questions will help direct you to a tank or a choice of tanks. To answer the questions in this exercise, observe the animals in their tanks and read the information signage.

Be aware that the Aquarium is in the process of changing their website. Its possible I may have to amend information on this page before your visit.

Note: As some displays fail from time to time and new individuals are added before signage is Developed, you may find animals shifted to new locations. If you find this is the case, look for the animal in another tank or ask a docent for help. If you find that the animal is no longer on display, clearly state that the display was NOT AVAILABLE for observation. Be aware that all other students must also have indicated that the display was not available on the same day for this to be a legitimate response. Blank answer areas will be graded as incorrect. DO NOT SHARE ANSWERS.

### BEFORE YOU GO:

a. TICKETS: To receive the lowest student discount you must buy your ticket online in advance of visiting the aquarium. Visit the Stephen Birch Aquarium College Student on Assignment website: <https://aquarium.ucsd.edu/college-student-assignment>

Print your ticket and take it with you to the aquarium. If you don't have easy access to a printer, you can show them your ticket on your phone. Your cost is \$12.00. You must show your current college student ID or class schedule at the time of ticket redemption at the aquarium.

b. The hours at the aquarium are Sun-Sat (daily), 9:00-5:00. Enter through the Main Gate.

Your visit should last about 2.5- 3 hours.

c. You must verify your visit, when you turn in your assignment, by stapling your dated receipt or ticket (with your name written on it) to the first page of this exercise. You must include your receipt/ticket when you turn in your exercise.

d. This is an independent study. All the answers are your own. Do not duplicate any answers of any other student. ANY duplicate answers will result in a grade of a zero for the exercise.

Be as complete as possible in your answers.

e. Visiting the aquarium is a mandatory lab exercise.

f. Parking is free.

F17