



# EELGRASS



~a central part of intertidal food webs~



SALMON, other FISH and BIRDS are food for large mammals like BEARS or HUMANS!



Eelgrass meadows form shelter for spawning HERRING.

HERRING are food for SALMON, BIRDS, SEALS, and other large mammals.



ALGAE grows on eelgrass blades. This provides food for small invertebrates called AMPHIPODS.



WORMS, CLAMS and SEA STARS are eaten by larger FISH, CRABS and BIRDS.



BIRDS, SNAILS and SEA URCHINS like to eat the blades of eelgrass plants.



When eelgrass dies, it forms DETRITUS. Many animals such as WORMS, CLAMS, and SEA STARS feed on detritus.

