

Please stay on the trail.

# Eelgrass Nursery

(*Zostera marina*)

Most of our seafood needs eelgrass habitat\* at some point in their life cycle. Eelgrass is an ecosystem engineer essential to crustaceans and fish such as salmon and herring. Pollution and seabed damage can destroy this key perennial.



## Juvenile Salmon

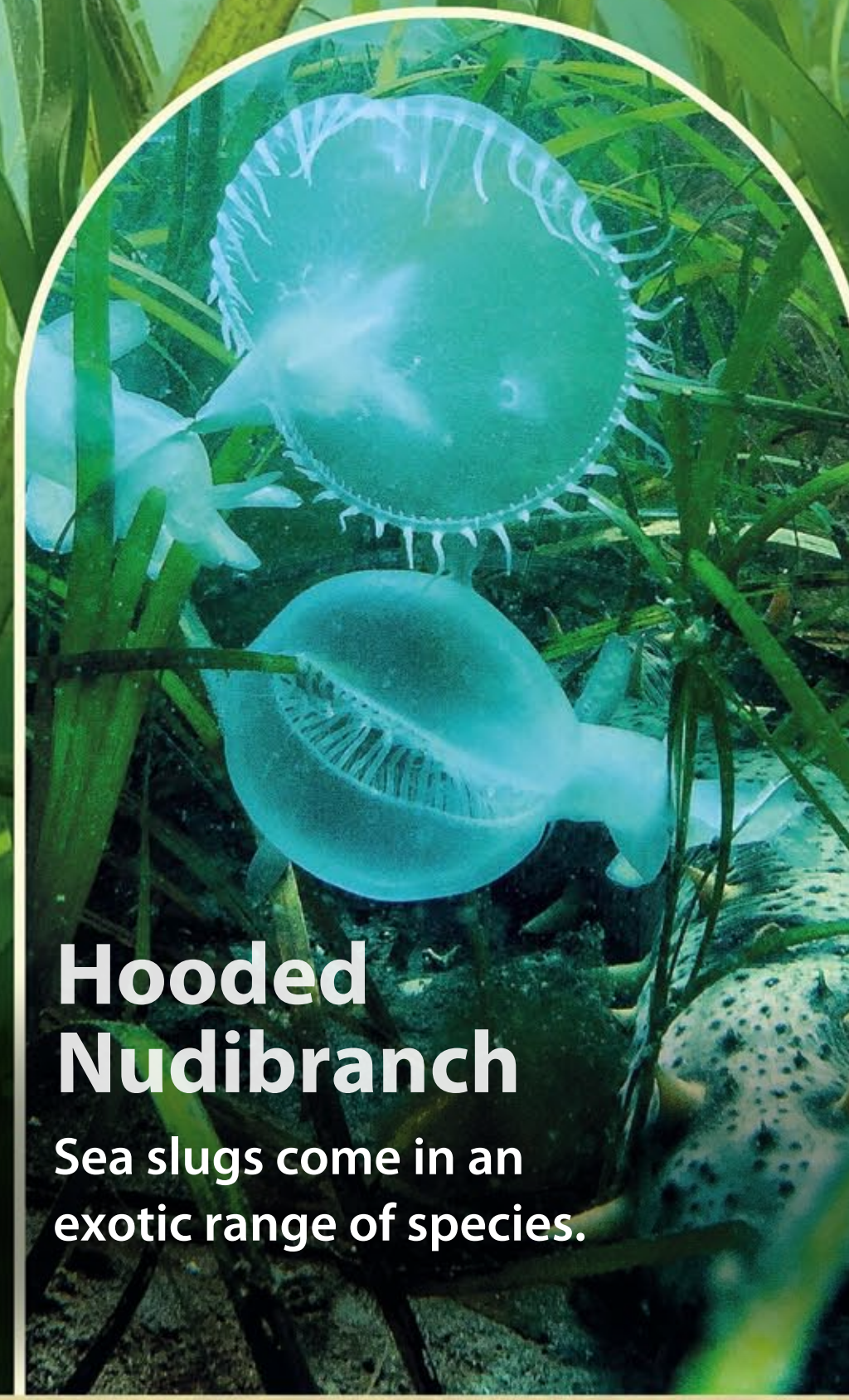
shelter and feed in eelgrass as they transition from fresh water streams to a marine habitat.

Underwater photos by Andrew McCurdy.



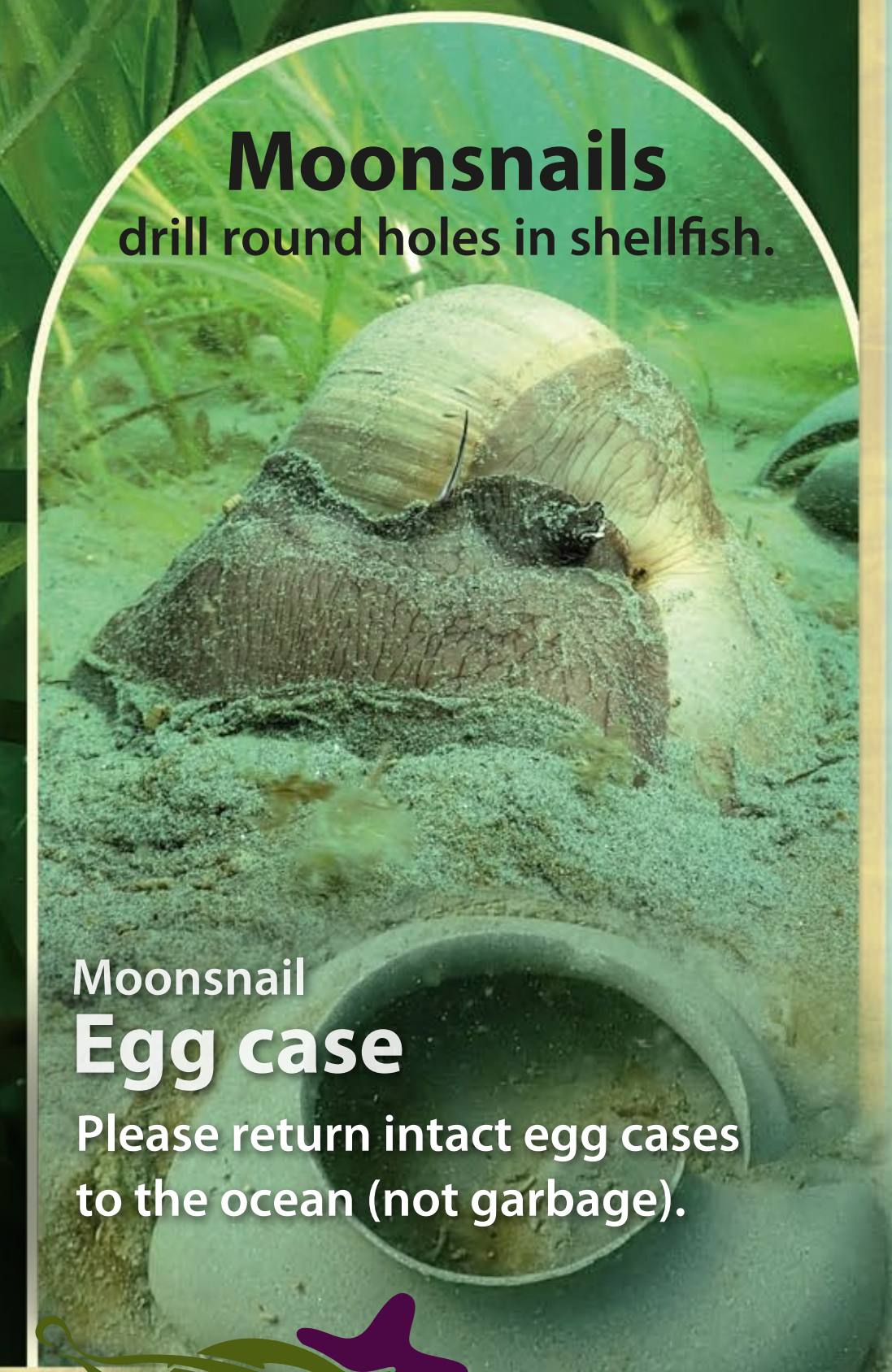
## Pipefish

look like eelgrass and seahorses. Males care for eggs in their pouch.



## Hooded Nudibranch

Sea slugs come in an exotic range of species.



## Moonsnails

drill round holes in shellfish.

## Moonsnail Egg case

Please return intact egg cases to the ocean (not garbage).

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