

Hagfish Catcher

ACTIVITY: Make a cootie catcher (aka fortune teller)

GRADE LEVEL(S): K to 6th



30 minutes each

OVERVIEW: Share the beauty of ugly with friends

DISCIPLINES: Science, language arts, visual arts

OBJECTIVES: Students will be able to:

- discuss the importance of all animals
- write four to eight humorous Hagfish Day predictions
- celebrate WhaleTimes Hagfish Day!

MATERIALS: Photocopies of Hagfish Day catcher
Scissors
Pencils or maker

Teacher's note: We've provided two different versions. One with half the fortunes written in. One without any. Choose the one that works best for your students.

WHAT TO DO:

Preparation: Print a Hagfish Day cootie catcher for each student.

Have students:

1. Cut out the Hagfish catcher.
2. Fold each corner back (non-printed side) to the center.
3. Fold new corners forward (toward printed side) to center.
4. Fold square in half (number side in) one way.
5. Show students (unfamiliar with craft) how to slide fingers into each pocket (on outside) and give gentle squeeze to bring the cootie catcher to life.
6. Have students write four (or eight) Hagfish Day predictions in the empty spaces.
7. Allow students time to play and share with other students.



NATIONAL STANDARDS:

Science: 6.1 Science as Inquiry; 6.5 Science and Technology Standards; 6.7 History and Nature of Science
Ocean Literacy: 6. The ocean and humans are inextricably linked; 7. The ocean is largely unexplored.
Language Arts Standards: #1, #5, #7, #12
Arts Education: Visual Arts Standard 6: Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines



