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STUDIES:

The behavior of wild seals and sea lions.

RESEARCH FOCUS:

The at-sea behavior of northern elephant seals using data-logging tags to the seals to study where they go and how deep they dive. Plus, collecting the seals' measurements.

HAS STUDIED:

Elephant seals for more than 15 years and learned about where they go to feed, how deep they dive, and what it takes to be a successful forager. Most research takes place in Santa Cruz, California, though has worked on projects as far away as Antarctica.

SOMETHING SURPRISING ABOUT PATRICK:

I grew up in Colorado far away from the ocean, but went to a university in California and earned a degree in Marine Biology.

THREE THINGS PATRICK DOES TO HELP THE EARTH:

I try to conserve energy by taking short showers and using public transportation. I take the time to sort my trash and recycle as much as possible.

