



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

So, we skipped a week, but hope you had a great start to September! On the West Coast, smoke from forest fires in California and Oregon continues to roll in along with cooler weather, as if people needed an extra reason to stay inside. The squirrels, however, are out and about seemingly everywhere, their mouths full of tasty morsels. There is a lot to do before the autumn and the many changes ahead – this might be exciting, or it might be intimidating, but there is always something to be thankful for in the here-and-now. Enjoy.

GENERAL UPDATES

Hello, hello and welcome to **Janelle**, who started on September 8th and **Sydni**, who is getting ready to start later this week! To learn more about them and their Direct Action placements, check out our [Homepage](#).

REMINDER: I (Samantha) will be away from September 17-21. I will have limited access to email during these time – if you have questions, concerns, or you'd just like to check in, you can contact Zana Mody, Manager, Direct Action at Zana.Mody@ocean.org. Questions about expense reports? Contact oceanbridge@ocean.org.

ACTIVITIES

The Direct Action website is looking amazing! Thank you so much for continuing to share your thoughts, stories and pictures. Every placement is very different, presenting unique challenges and opportunities.

Photo Reflections: We ask for a photo reflection once a month, but really, we love to see them anytime. Whether it's related to your placement or not, feel free to post a photo to the [Gallery](#)!

Blogs: These are lovely little snapshots of your thoughts! If you're interested in sharing some of your writing, we would love to showcase your work on the Ocean Wise AquaBlog! Contact me or Zana for more information.

DISCUSSIONS

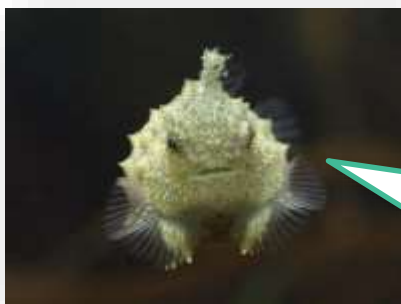
There's lots to read on the [Discussion board](#)! Keep the conversation going. No new topics for this week, unless you'd like to start your own in the Youth Forum 😊





SPINY SAYS...

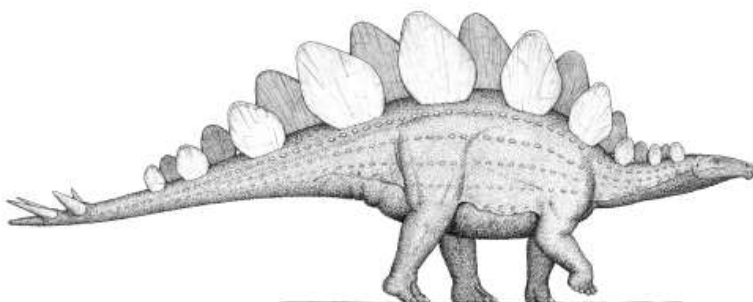
Listen to the Lumpsucker.



Think about all the water you've ever seen – culverts, tides, waves, pools, puddles, ice, lakes, ponds, rivers... Do you feel the same way about all of them? Why, or why not?

WEEKLY FUN FACT

The water on the Earth today is the same as existed when dinosaurs walked the Earth.



How refreshing.

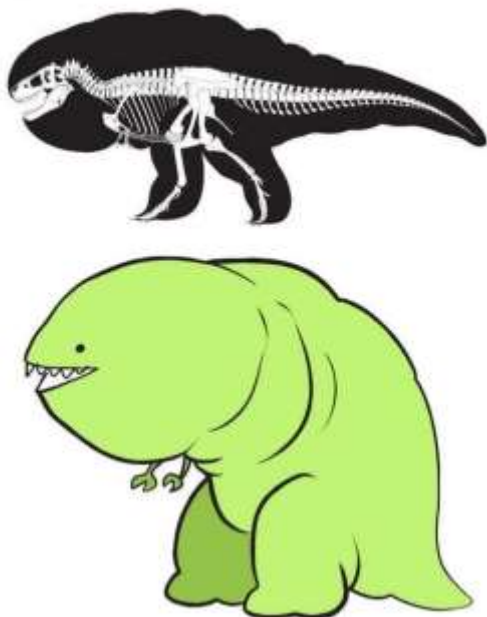
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I went and sat on the beach by a mangrove tree and gazed out at the quiet ripples of the sea. Some fish were jumping up the beach and into the tree, which struck me as an odd thing for a fish to do, but I tried not to be judgemental about it. [...] I suddenly felt, well, terribly *old* as I watched the mudskipper hopping along with what now seemed to me like a wonderful sense of hopeless, boundless, naïve optimism. It had such a terribly, terribly, terribly long way to go. I hoped that if its descendant was sitting here on this beach in 350 million years time with a camera round its neck, it would feel that the journey had been worth it. I hoped that it might have a clearer understanding of itself in relation to the world it lived in."

- Douglas Adams & Mark Carwardine, *Last Chance to See*, pages 44-46

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

As C.M. Kosemen explains throughout *All Yesterdays*, we really can't ever know how much fat and other soft tissues contributed to the overall shape of dinosaurs since that's the first thing to rot and shrivel right against their bones and like even a sperm whale has a little skinny skeleton so like:



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