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# Kelp Forest Showdown



“You know, I don't know what the problem is with those bleeding heart environmentalists.

The kelp forests have survived for thousands of years and if I want to go out sport fishing or shoot a few sea otters, who is going to notice?

Just get off my case. The kelp and the otters can fend for themselves. It's not my problem.

Why should I care what happens to a yucky old bunch of seaweed anyway?”

1. Why is the fisherman misinformed?

2. What does the fisherman need to understand about the kelp forest ecosystem?

3. What does the fisherman need to understand about sea otters?