

Extraordinary Eelgrass

Read the article *Extraordinary Eelgrass* by Ethan Nedeau in Wildlife Journal 2004 and respond to the following questions. Be prepared for a class discussion.

Eelgrass is really important habitat. State three reasons why eelgrass is extraordinary.

- a.
- b.
- c.

List at least 5 organisms that use eelgrass areas and state why eelgrass is important for that organism.

organism	Why eelgrass is important for this organism
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

What is the “slime layer” on eelgrass? Can you see it in your eelgrass tank?

Give examples of grazing animals that feed on the slime layer.

What are detritivores? What role do they play in eelgrass habitat?

What are some challenges for eelgrass? List 4

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.