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Bull



Pup



Cow



SA-4



Yearling



SA-3



SA-2

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Characteristics:

- black fur
- close to a female
- wrinkly when first born
- nursing



Pup (1 to 28 days old)



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Characteristics:

- fur gray to silver
- alone or weaner pods
- usually plump
- not nursing



Weaners (28 + days old)

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Characteristics:

- larger than harbor seals
- blonder, lighter fur
- smaller than other adults

Yearling (one year old)



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Characteristics:

- often seen with pup
- can see nipples when laying on back
- no big nose



Cow (2 + years)

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SA 2 (4- 5 years)

Characteristics:

- while laying on sand, nose will not touch ground
- no chest shield
- definite male nose



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SA 3 (6-7 Years Old)

Characteristics:

- light scarring
- while laying on sand, nose will touch ground
- wrinkles on chest

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SA 4 (8 Years Old)

Characteristics:

- less chest shield
- chest shield does not rise above eyes
- less of a notch



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Characteristics:

- heavy pink scarring
- chest shield wraps around neck
- big heavy nose with notch



Bull (9 + Years Old)



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Is this a SA 3 or an SA 4?



SA 4 (8 Years Old)

OR



SA 3 (6-7 Years Old)



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