

Travelling the Ocean



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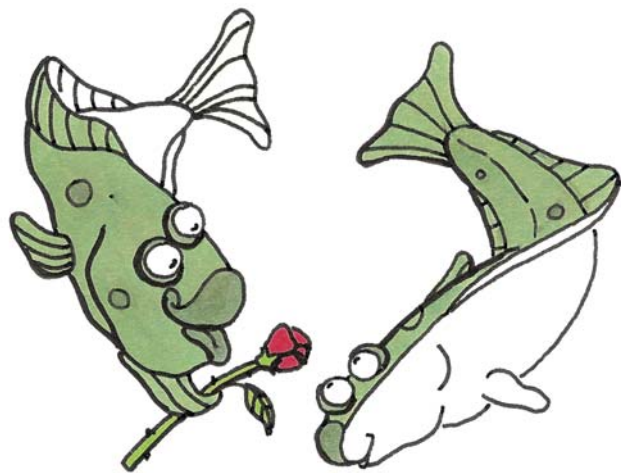
Scientists believe that halibut have a very good sense of smell, which leads them to food - even in the dark.

In the winter, halibut migrate from their summer feeding grounds on the continental shelf to the deeper water of the continental slope. When young fish make this migration, scientists believe they are guided by layers of water that are all the same temperature.

The top layer of water in the north Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea can become very cold and even frozen

in places, so by going deeper, the fish are staying warm. The perfect climate for a halibut is about the same temperature as a glass of cold tap water.

Older halibut also migrate to deeper water in winter, but for more than one reason. It's spawning season. You've got it...the "season of love!"



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