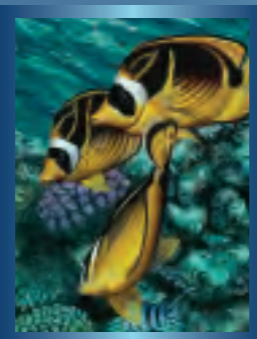


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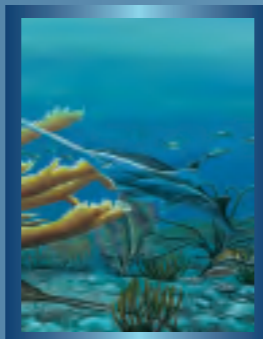
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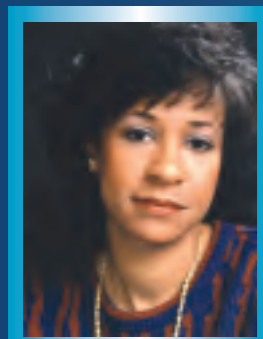
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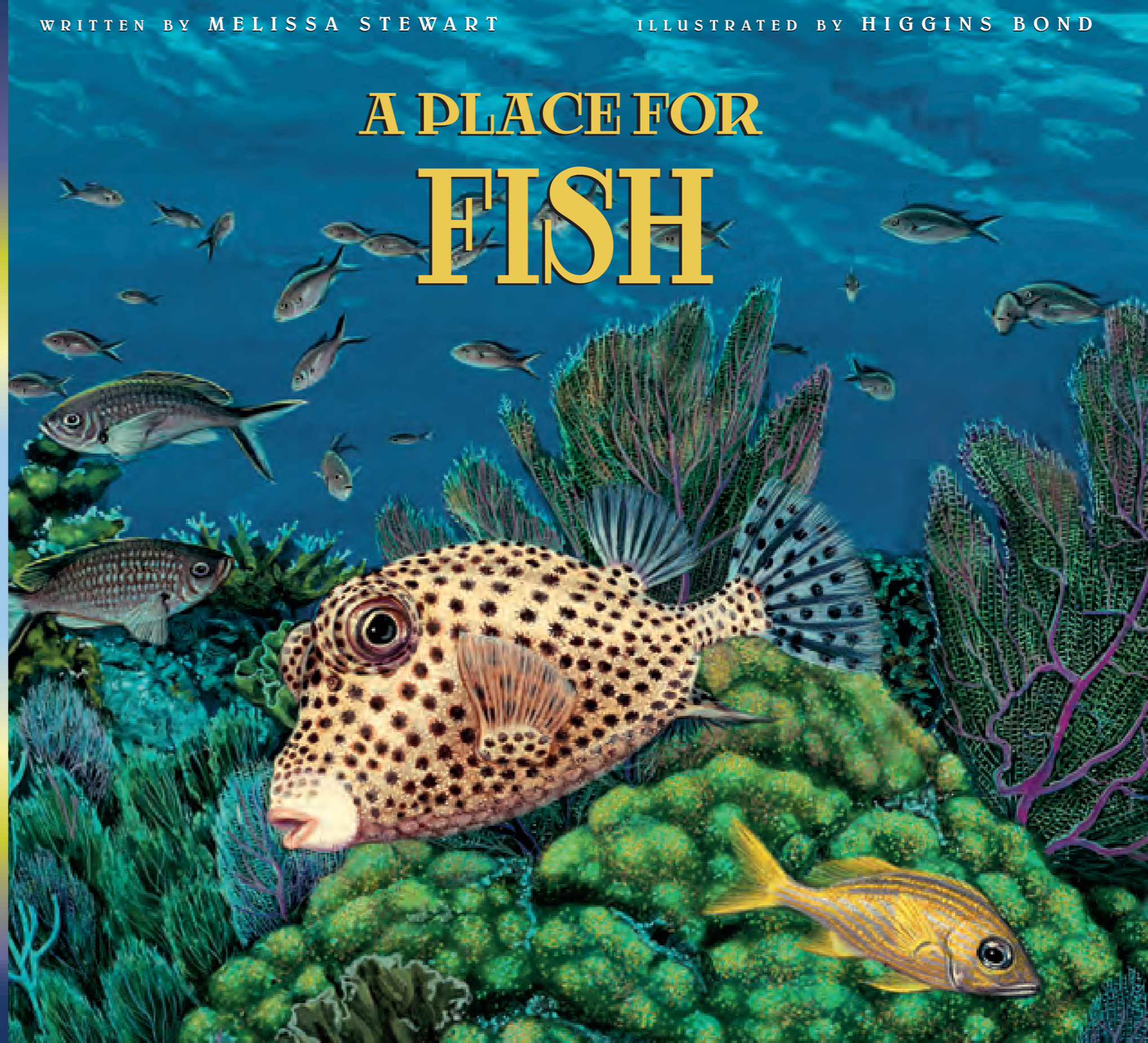
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For Doug, who loves to fish  
but respects his catch

—M. S.

In memory of my sister, Fareedah Muhammad,  
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me about the great places for fish in Arkansas

—H. B.



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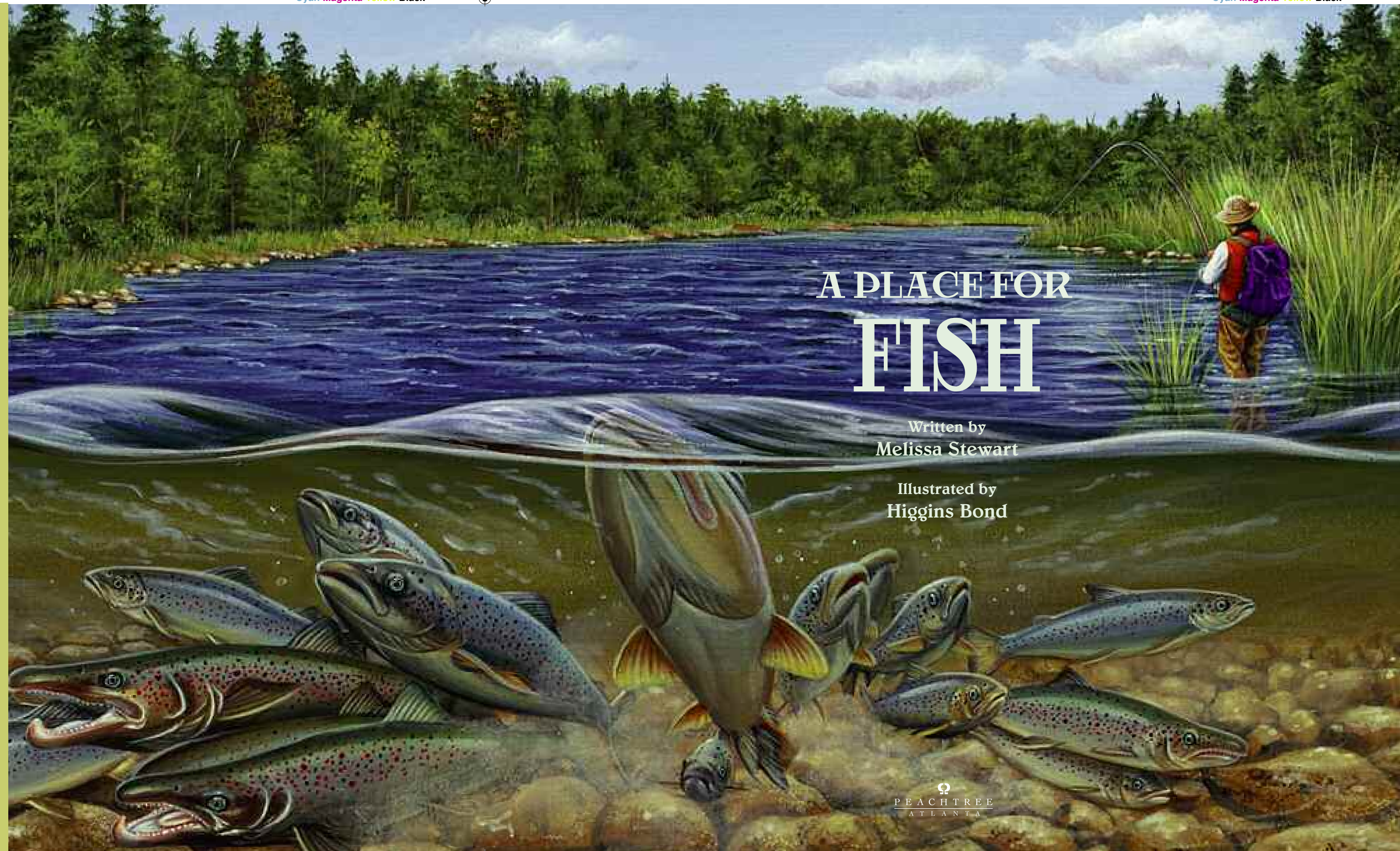
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If we work together to help these special creatures, there will always be a place for fish.

### ON THE MOVE

A fish swims by bending its body from side to side. Its strong tail pushes it forward through the water. Paired fins on its sides help it start, stop, and turn. Top and bottom fins help a fish keep its balance. Fish with slim fins and a narrow tail can swim fast. Fish with large, wide fins and a square tail swim slowly, but they can turn quickly.

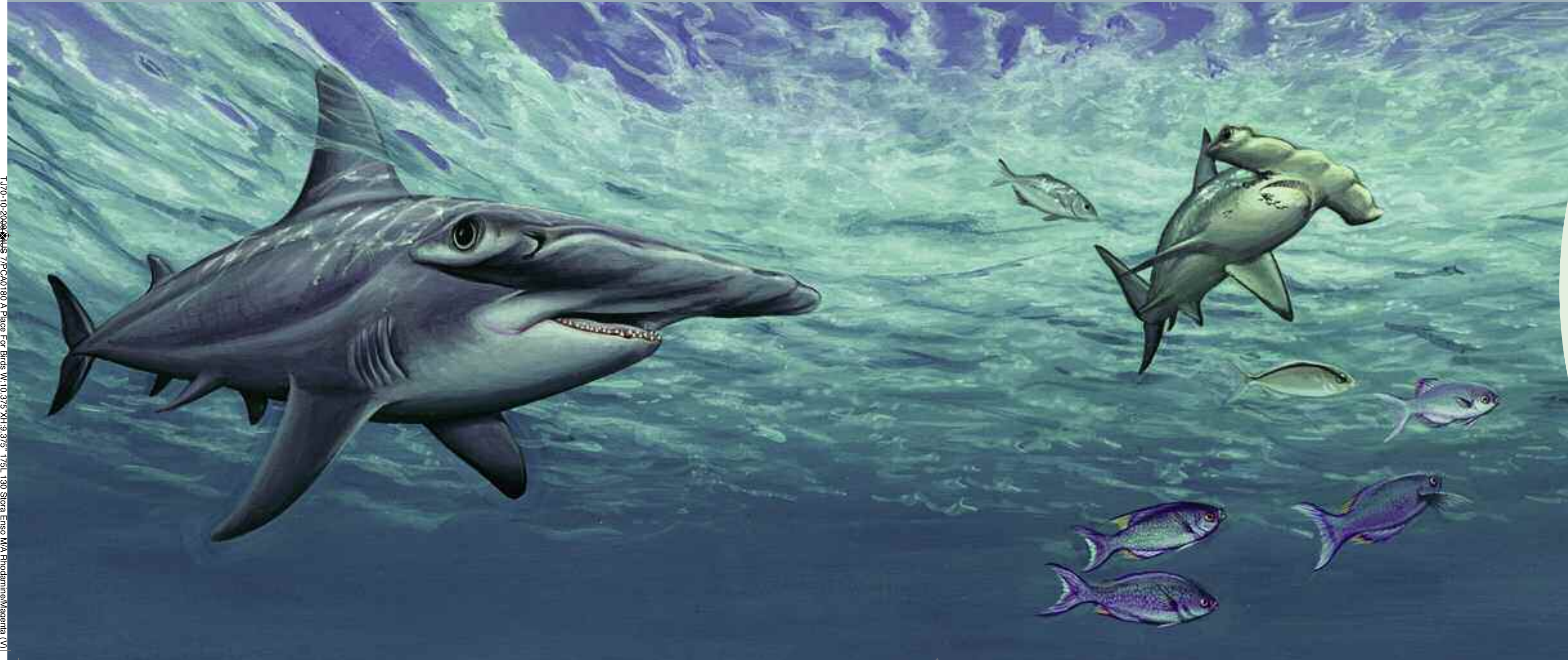


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**F**or fish to survive, they need to stay safe and healthy. Many sharks die when they accidentally get trapped in fishing nets.

When scientists learn where sharks live and people agree not to fish in those places, sharks can live and grow.



**HAMMERHEAD SHARK**

Sharks have lived on Earth for 450 million years. But now they are in danger of disappearing forever. Each year, thousands of hammerhead sharks are killed by nets set out to catch tuna and swordfish.

Scientists recently discovered that hammerheads migrate along set paths at specific times of the year. They asked fishing crews to avoid those areas while sharks migrate, so now sharks have a better chance of surviving.