



## Explore the Great Shellfish Bay Vocabulary List

**Pinnacle:** a lighter weight sailing ship, especially those ships used to travel from larger ships to the shore.

**Estuary:** an area where the fresh water of a river interacts with the tidal salt waters of the ocean. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States.

**Predators:** animals that survive by capturing and eating other animals.

**Ospreys:** a large bird commonly called a fish hawk. It eats fish almost exclusively, swooping down to catch them with its talons (claws).

**Erosion:** the process in which land is worn away by natural forces such as wind, water, or storms.

**Tributary:** a body of water (usually a stream or smaller river) that feeds into another body of water. Tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay include the Potomac and Patuxent rivers, among others.

**Marsh:** low-lying land, full of grasses and small shrubs, that is flooded from time to time. Marshes are important ecosystems for many kinds of plants and animals.