

## Salt Marsh Ecology Vocabulary

<b>Brackish:</b>	A mixture of freshwater and saltwater
<b>Detritus:</b>	Decaying organic plant and animal matter
<b>Filter Feeding:</b>	Method in which food particles are filtered from the water as it passes by or through some part of the organism
<b>Marsh:</b>	An area of low-lying land covered by water during wet seasons or high tide
<b>Neap Tide:</b>	A tide just after the first or third quarters of the moon when there is least difference between high and low water
<b>Phytoplankton:</b>	Plant-like plankton consisting of microscopic plants
<b>Plankton:</b>	Floater or drifter; Organisms floating in the sea or fresh bodies of water unable to swim against a current
<b>Salinity:</b>	The amount of salt dissolved in water. Measured in parts per thousand
<b>Spring Tide:</b>	A tide just after a new or full moon, when there is the greatest difference between high and low tide
<b>Tide:</b>	The alternate rising and falling of bodies of water due to the gravitational pull of the moon
<b>Zooplankton:</b>	Animal-like plankton consisting of small animals and the immature stages of larger animals