

I love going to the beach. I get to see all of these great creatures, from crabs, to fish, to seals. But if we keep moving in the direction we're moving, would we be able to see them in the next fifty years?

Plastic. An amazing phenomenon. A clever invention. Humans love it, but it's very harmful for our sea life. Plastic never fully breaks down. It breaks down little balls called microplastics, sometimes referred to as microbeads.

Have you ever seen fish eggs? They look a lot like microplastics. Other sea creatures live off of and need fish eggs to survive. The sea creatures mistake microbeads and consume. The mass in their stomach gives the illusion that they are full, but they never get the nutrition they need to live and soon die off.

Another concern is that other sea creature eat the creatures that eat these microplastics. Then we eat the creatures that now also have the plastics. Plastic is definitely harmful to us since we never fully digest it.

Now, this isn't just a sob story. There are ways to reduce the harmfulness of

our waters. We can reduce, reuse, and recycle. Try bringing your own bag to the store or using a reusable water bottle.

If we all stick together to end microplastics, the world can become a better place.

Sincerely,

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