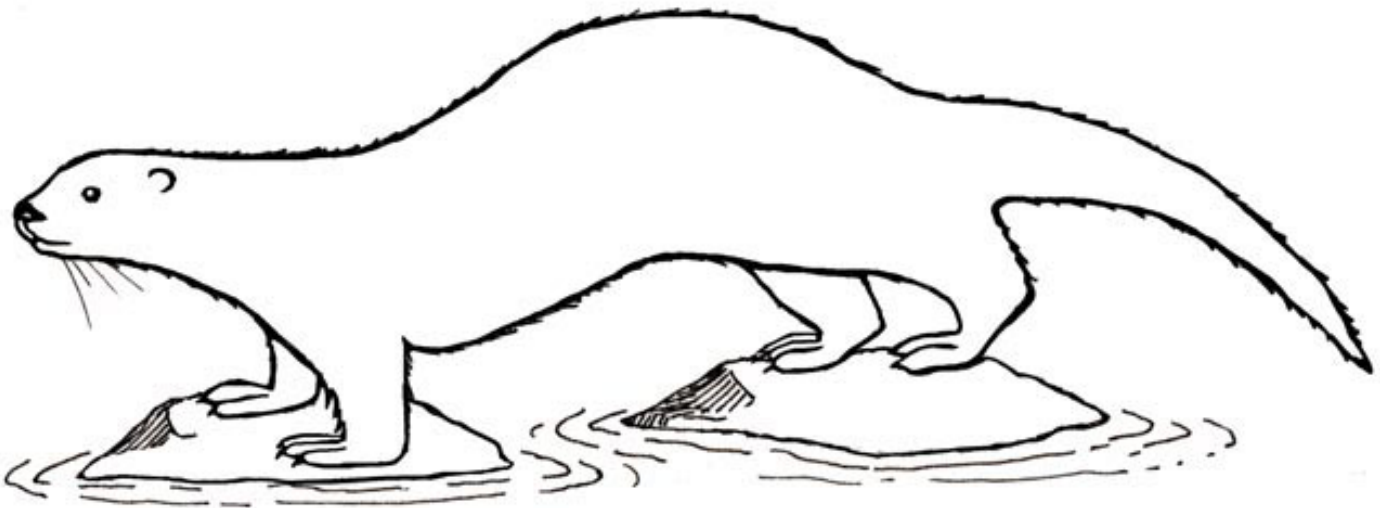


# River Otter

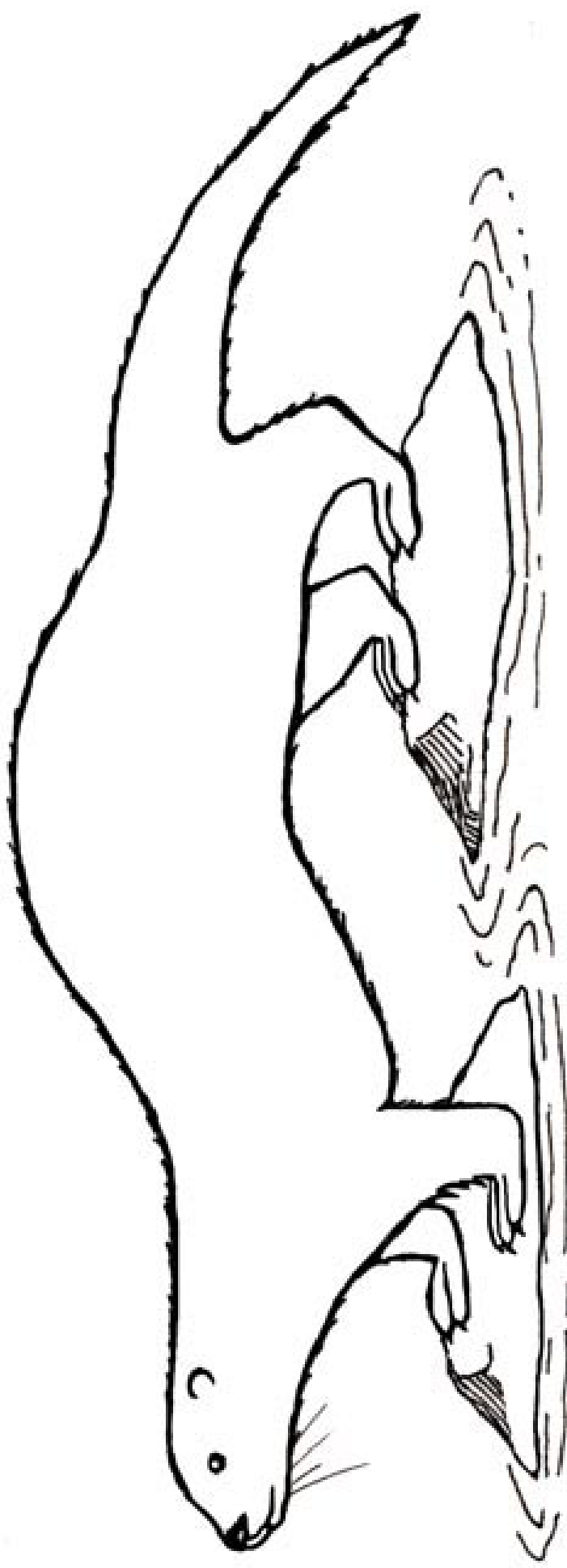
*Lutra canadensis*

River otters are found in the coastal waterways, rivers, swamps, lakes and marshes of Canada and the U.S. They can reach over 4' long and weigh 10-30 pounds. They are built for life in the water with a long, sleek body, webbed feet and dense, oily fur to protect them from the cold. They live in dens, often with underwater doorways. They are playful, often sliding into the water down mud or snow banks. They eat fish, frogs, turtles, crayfish, crabs, birds, eggs, and small mammals, often hunting at night. They breed just once a year – the females are pregnant for 2 months (gestation) and have 1-6 babies. They can live up to 10 years in the wild. Though they are rare in much of their range but are not considered endangered.



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Blow up 640% to reach real size (4ft). You will have to use five sheets of paper the long way and tape them together.