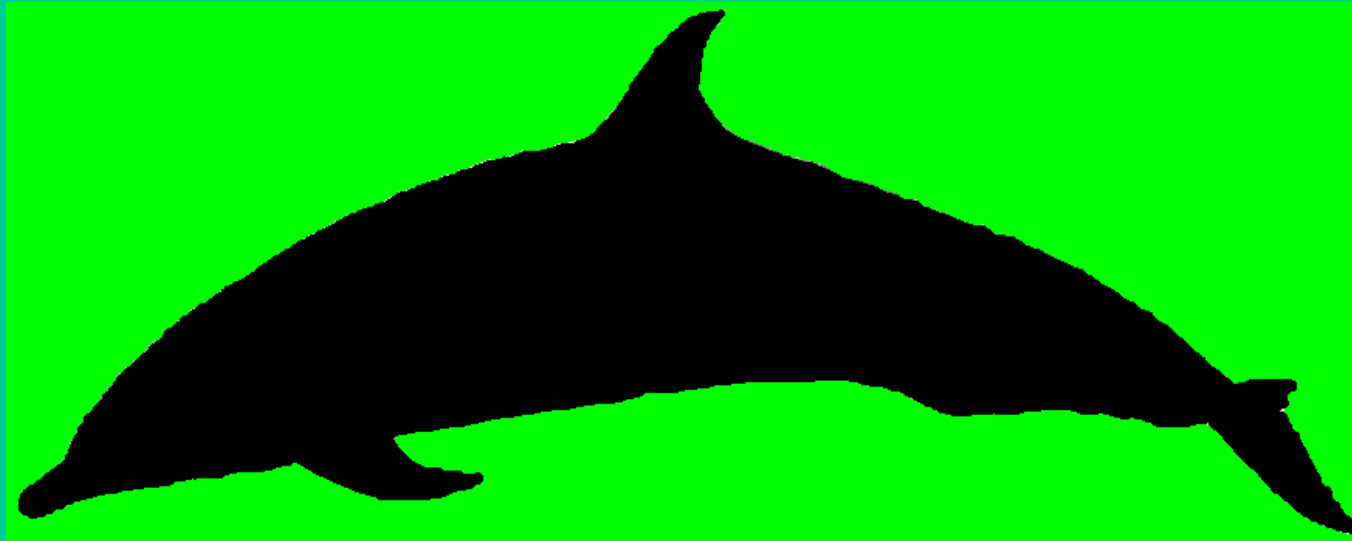
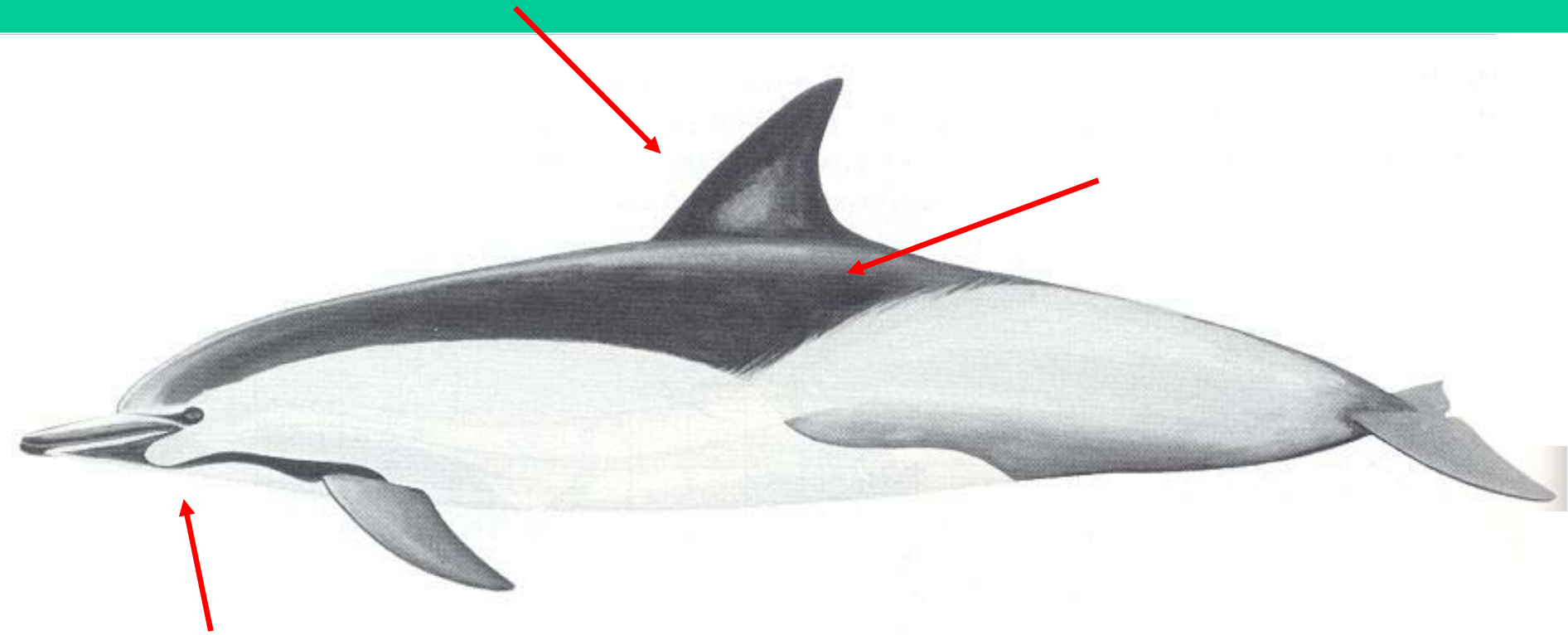


Cetacean Identification

The Dolphins



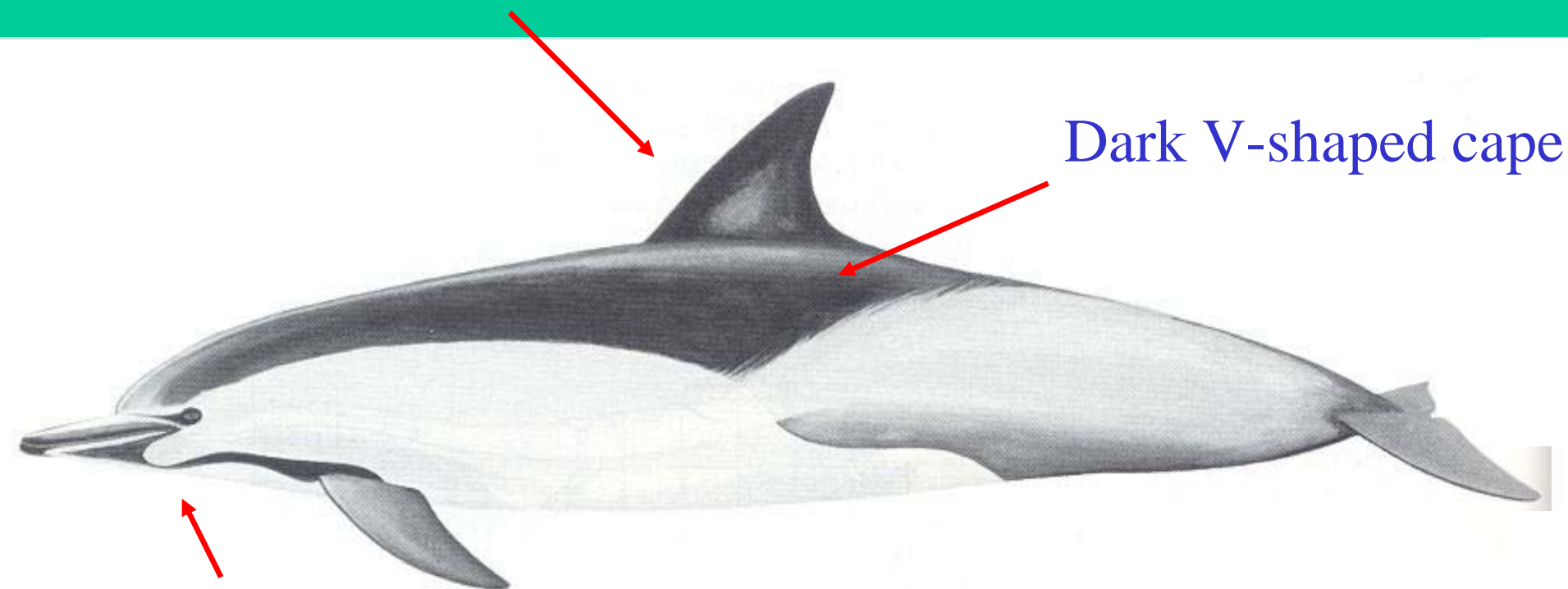
**A species identification guide to the dolphins
species encountered by PIRO Hawaii Longline
Observers.**



Common Dolphin

Delphinus spp.

Pointed falcate dorsal fin



Dark V-shaped cape

Flipper to chin stripe

Common Dolphin



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Longnose Common Dolphins



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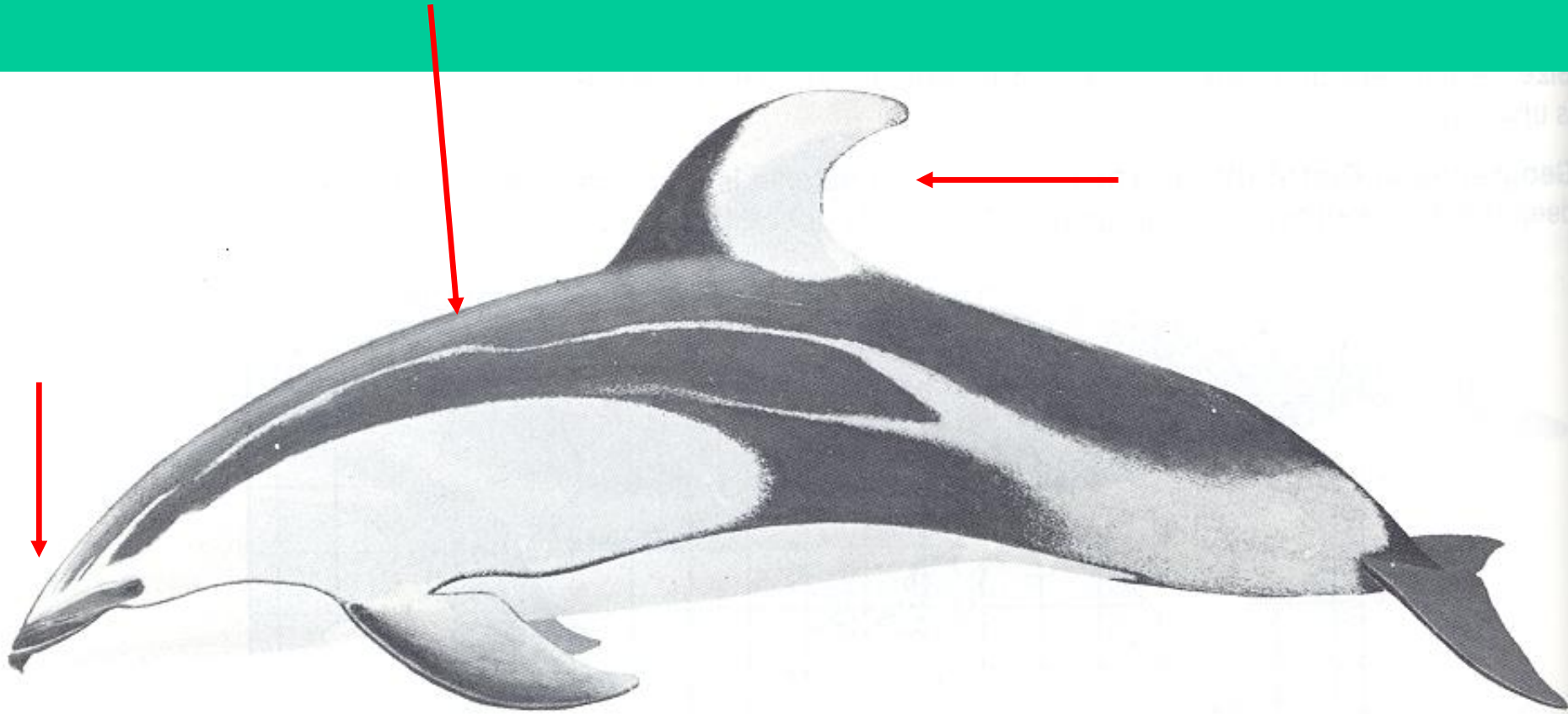








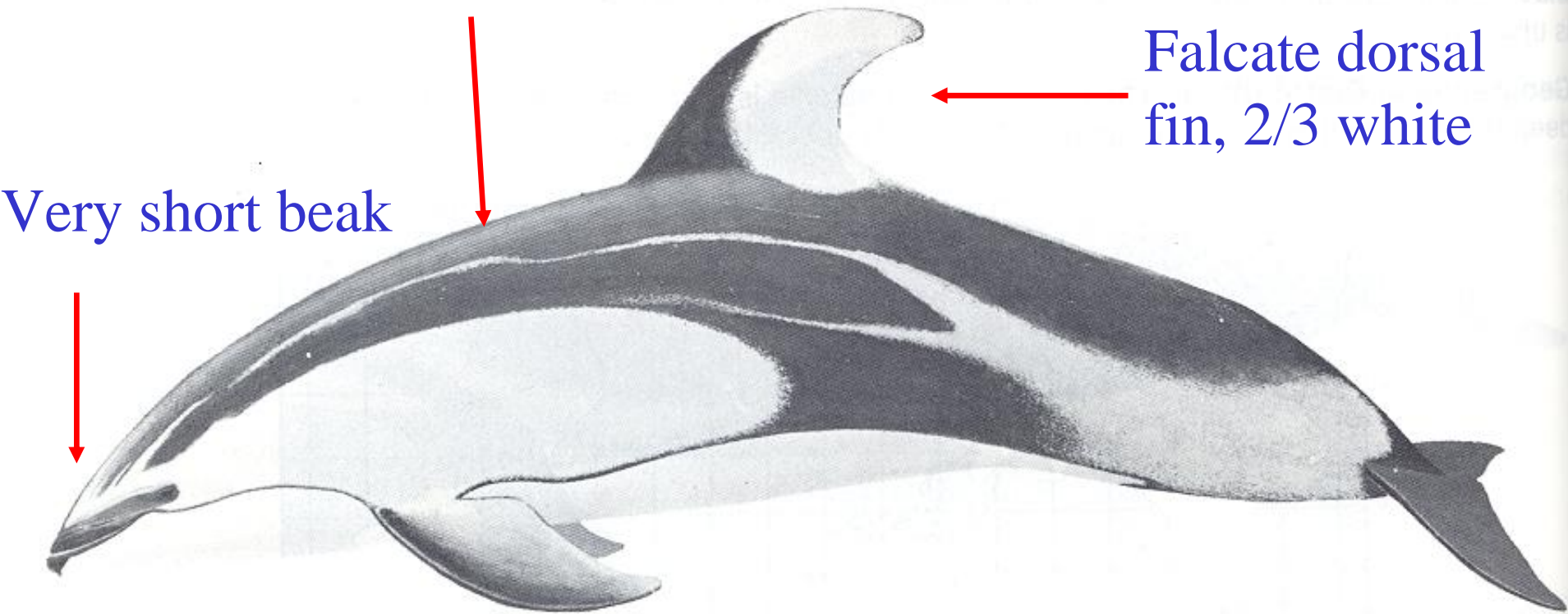




Pacific White-sided Dolphin

Lagenorhynchus obliquidens

Suspender stripes

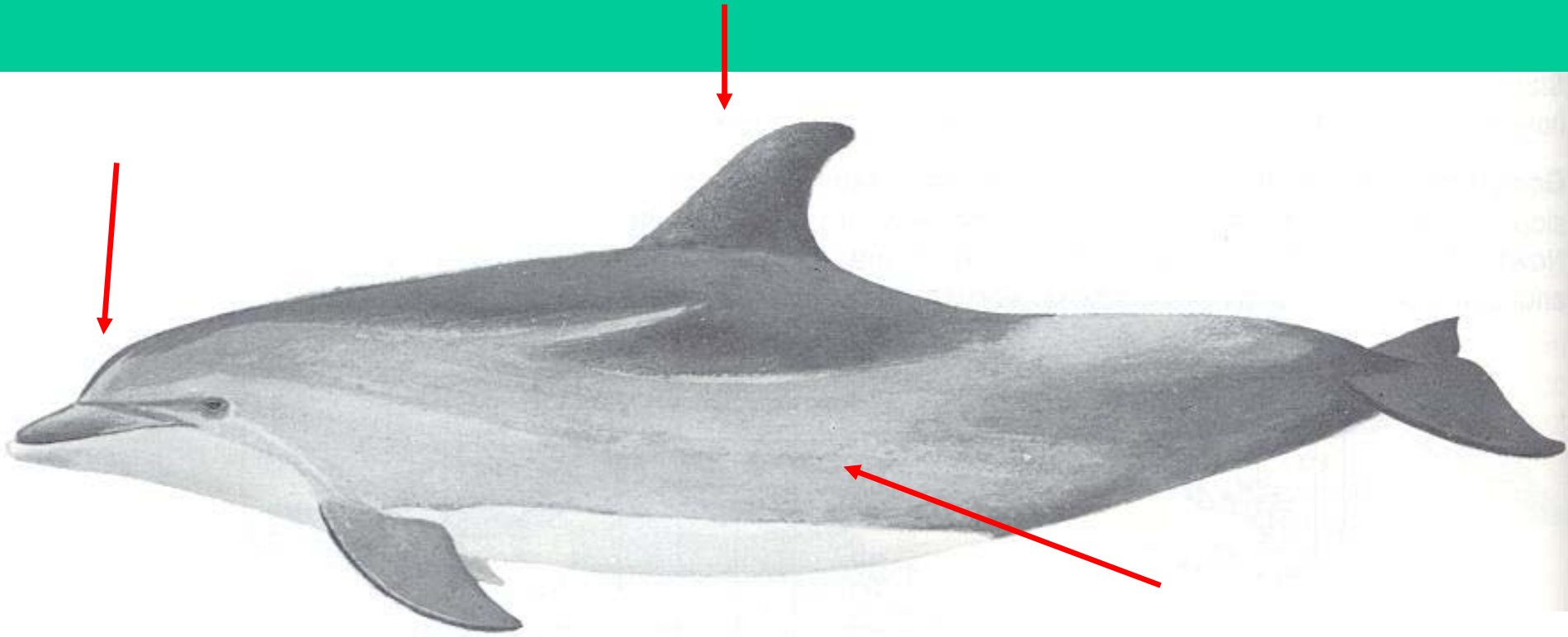


Pacific White-sided Dolphin









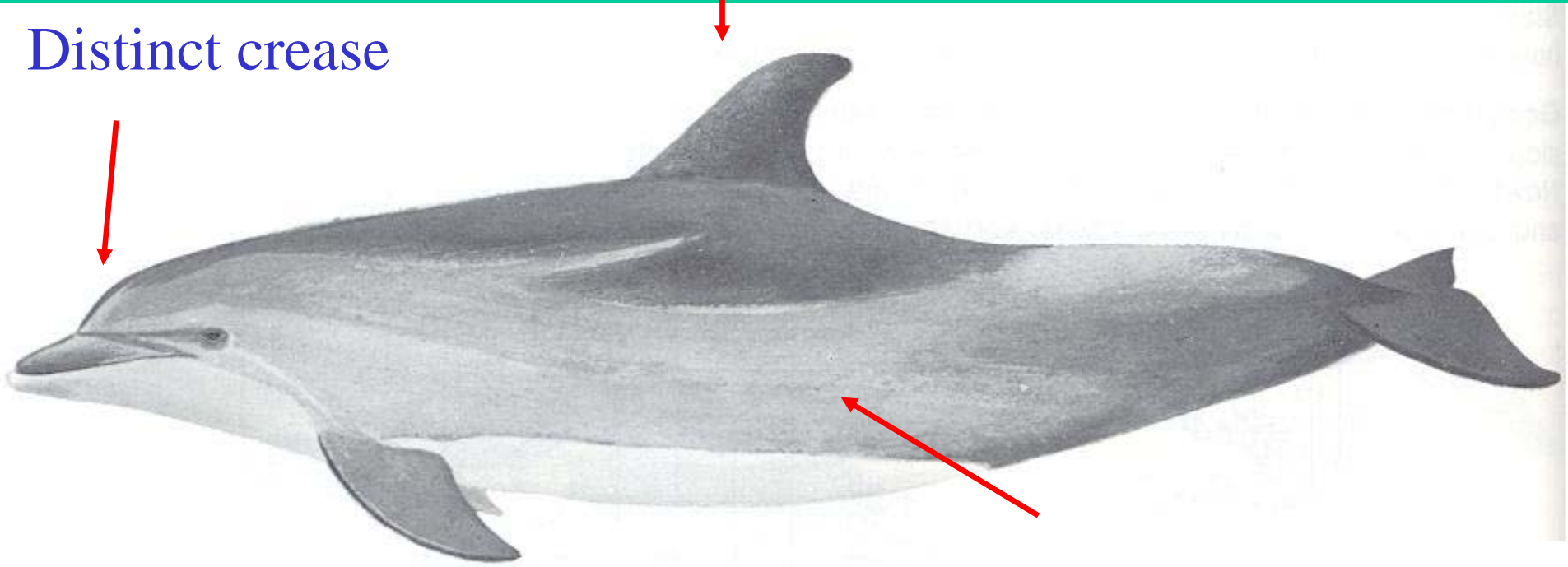
Bottlenose Dolphin

Tursiops truncatus

Solid gray dorsal fin

Distinct crease

Overall gray body color

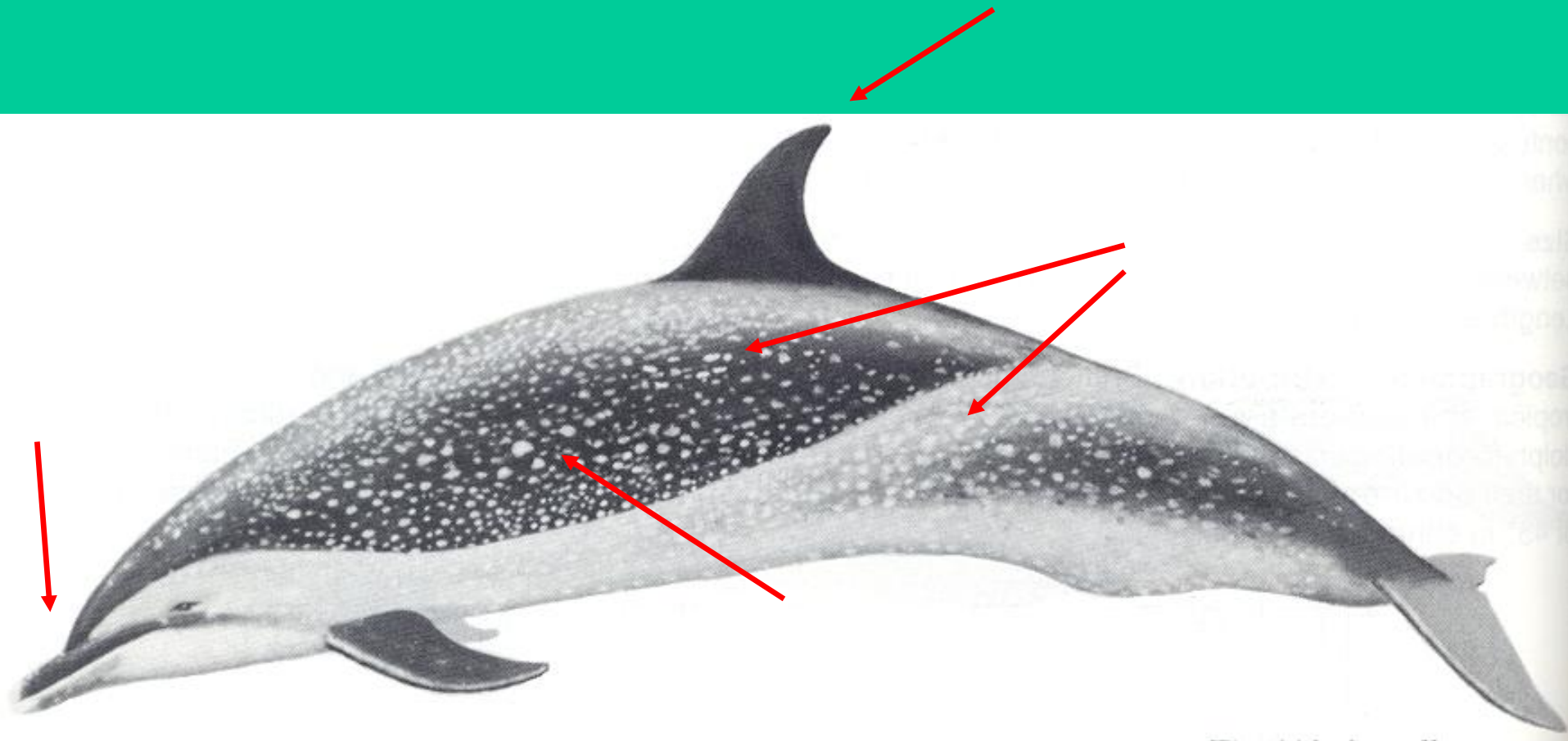


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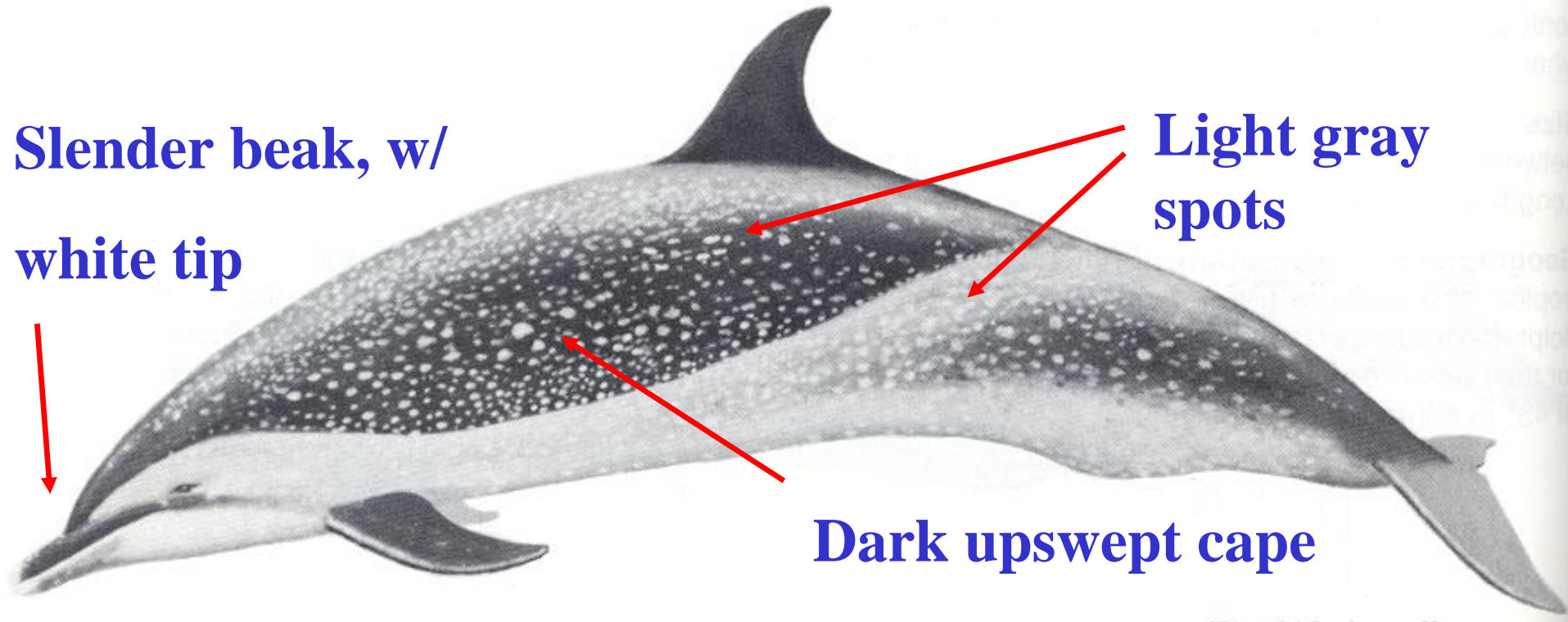






Spotted Dolphin
Stenella attenuata

Dark falcate dorsal fin



**Slender beak, w/
white tip**

**Light gray
spots**

Dark upswept caudal fin

Spotted Dolphin

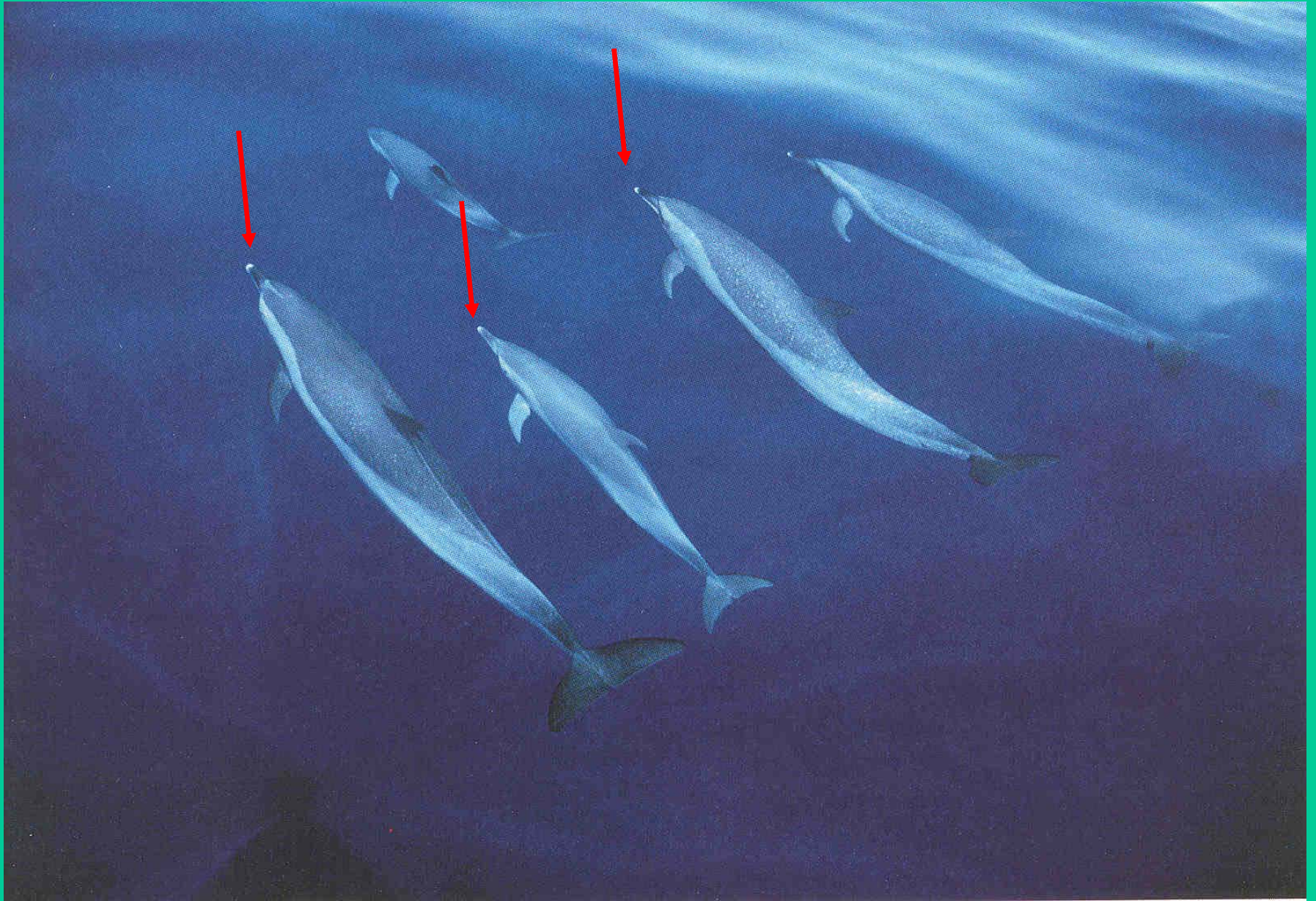




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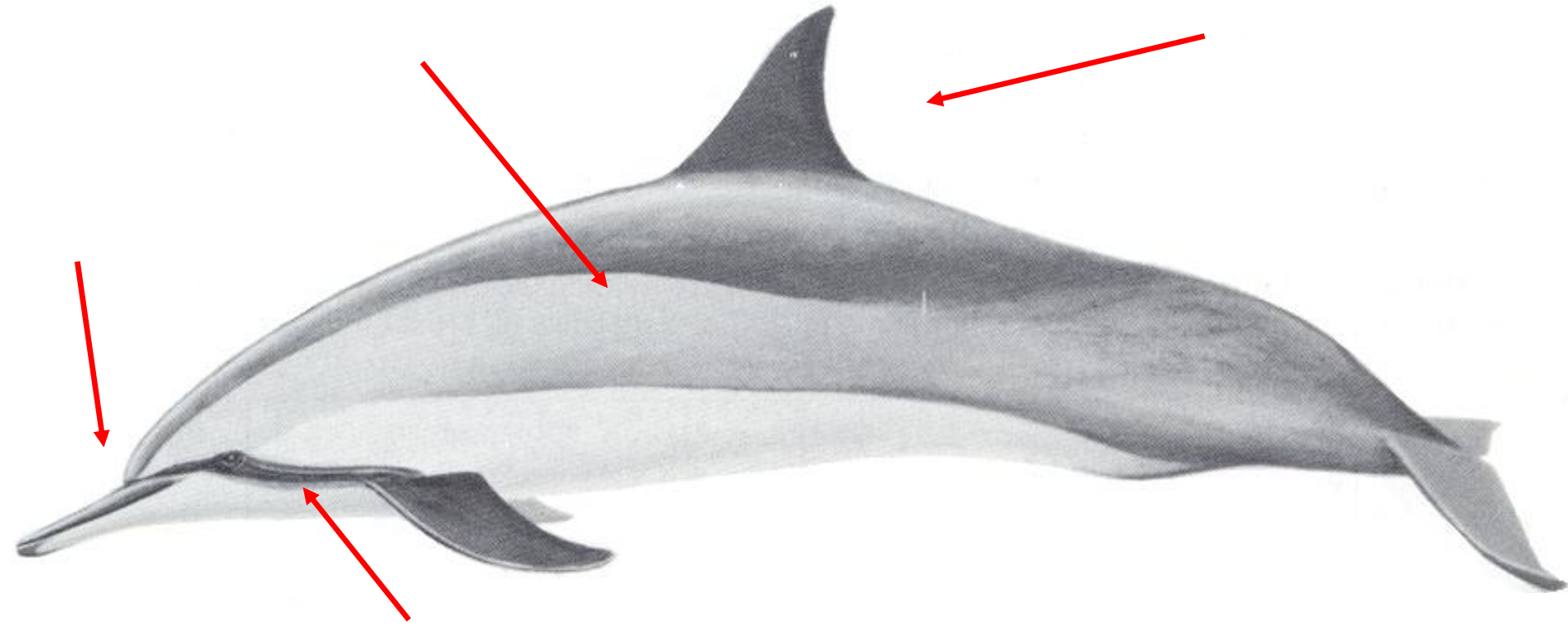
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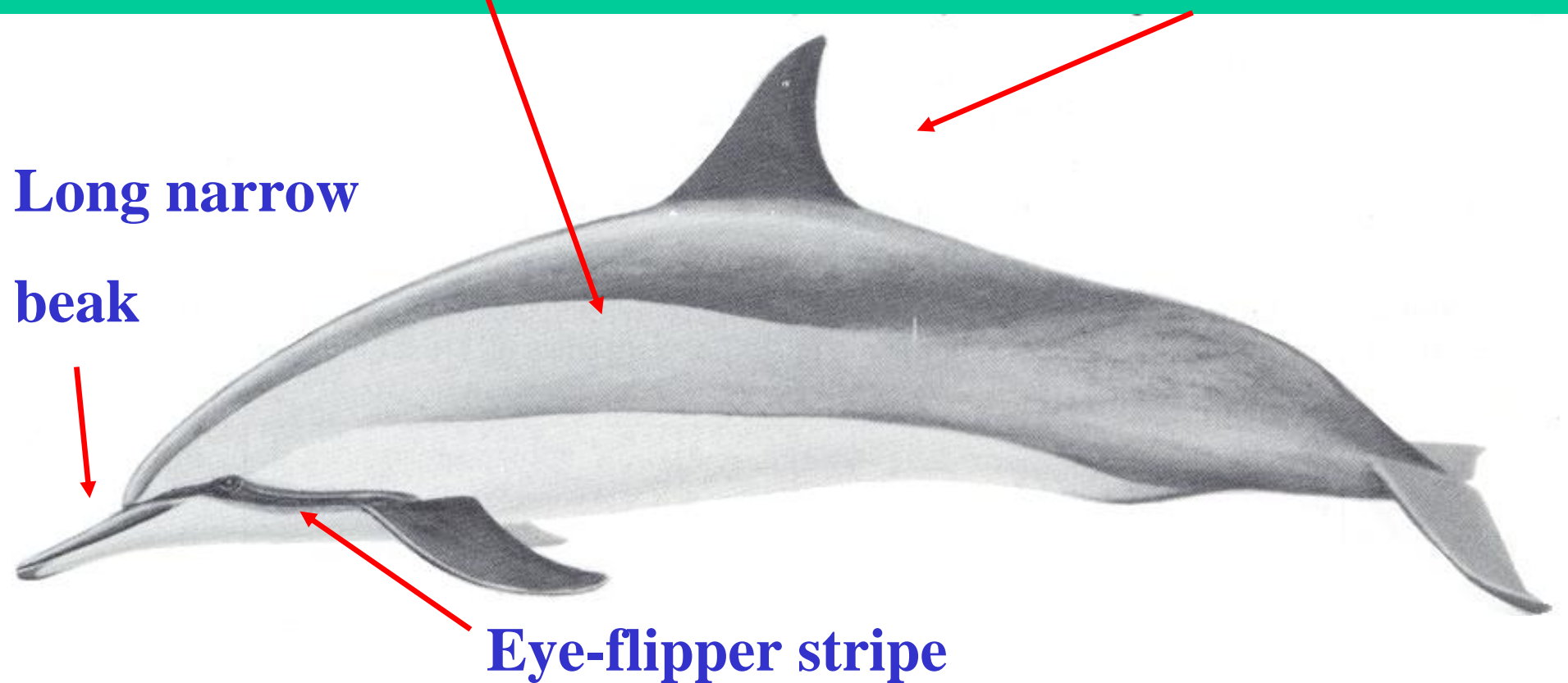


Spinner Dolphin
Stenella longirostris

**3-tone color pattern
w/ dark cape**

**Pointed falcate
dorsal fin**

**Long narrow
beak**



Eye-flipper stripe

Spinner Dolphin



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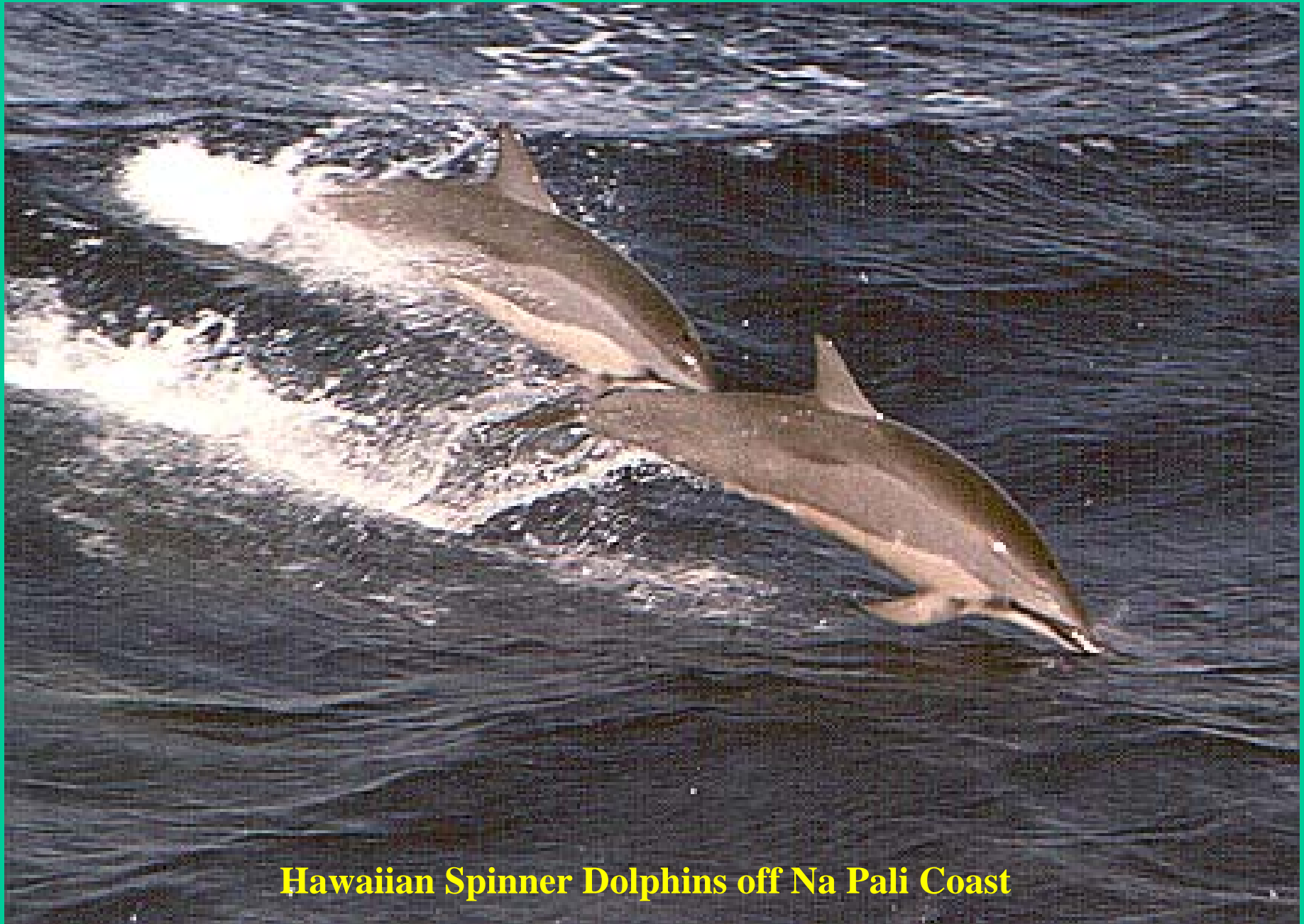
Notice the slender beak of this Spinner dolphin.

Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins





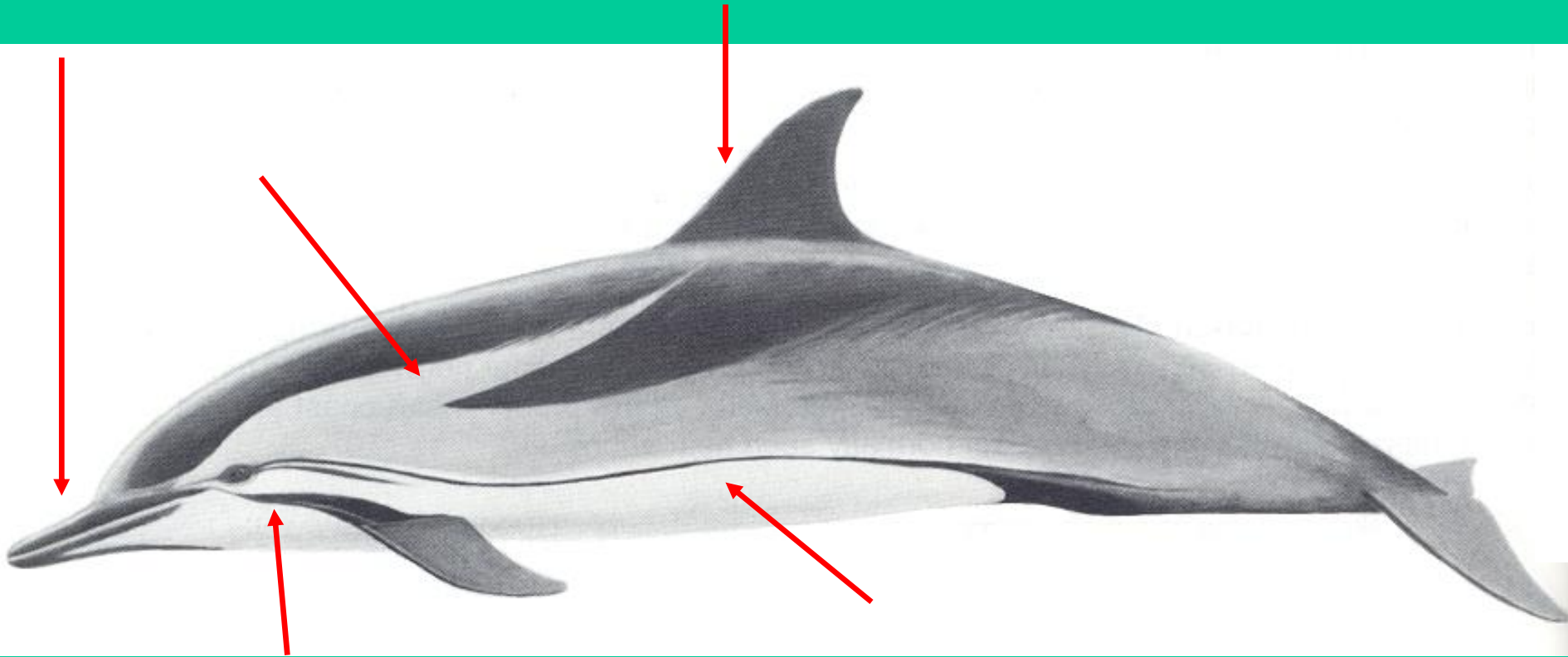
Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins off Na Pali Coast



Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins off Na Pali Coast



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Striped Dolphin

Stenella coeruleoalba

Short beak

Dark cape & dorsal fin

Shoulder blaze

Eye-anus stripe

Flipper-mouth stripe

Striped Dolphin

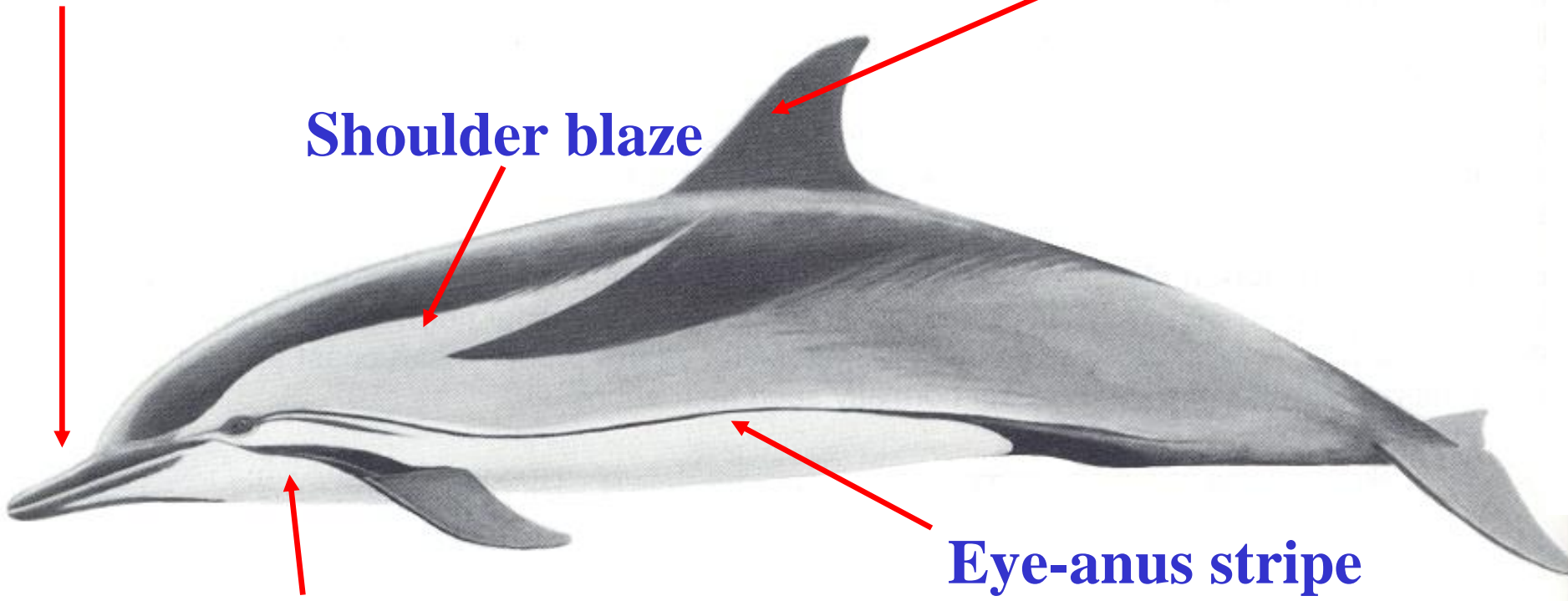




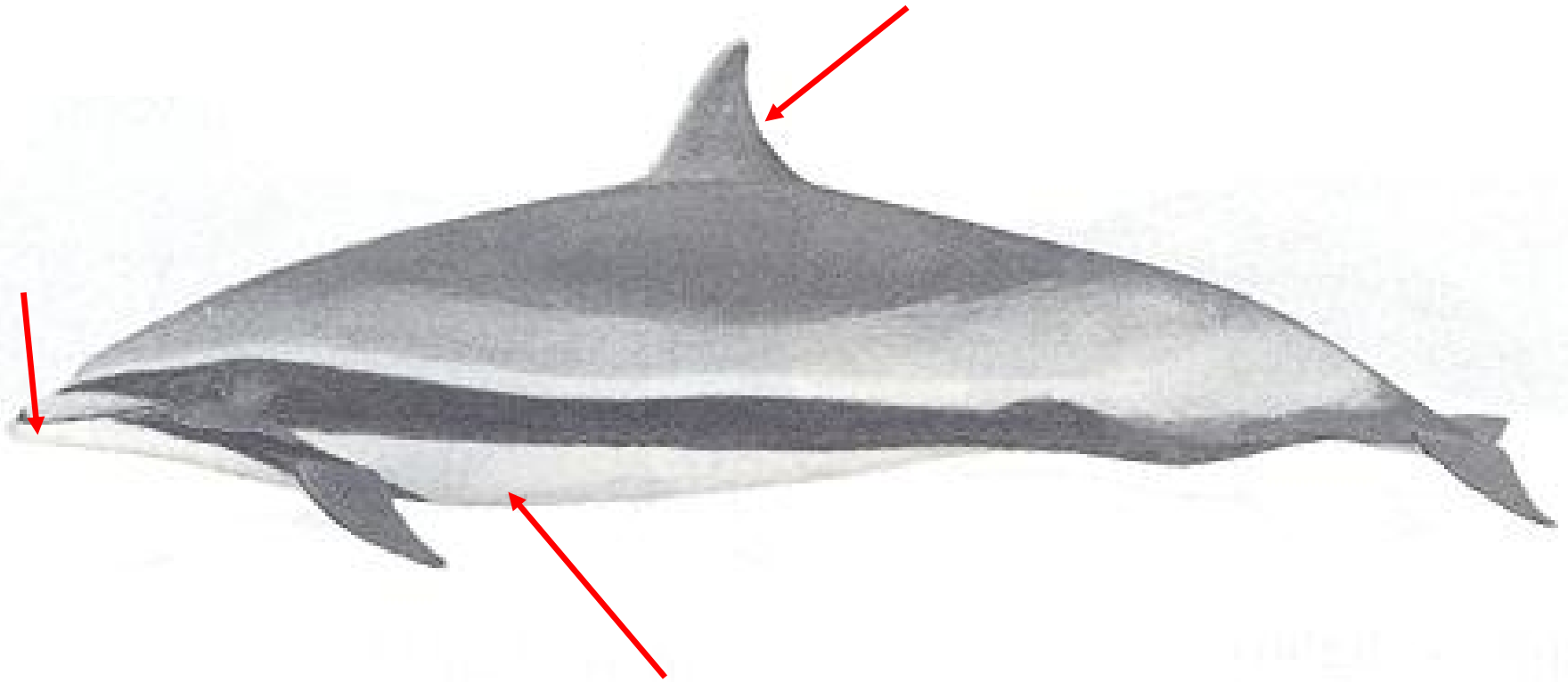


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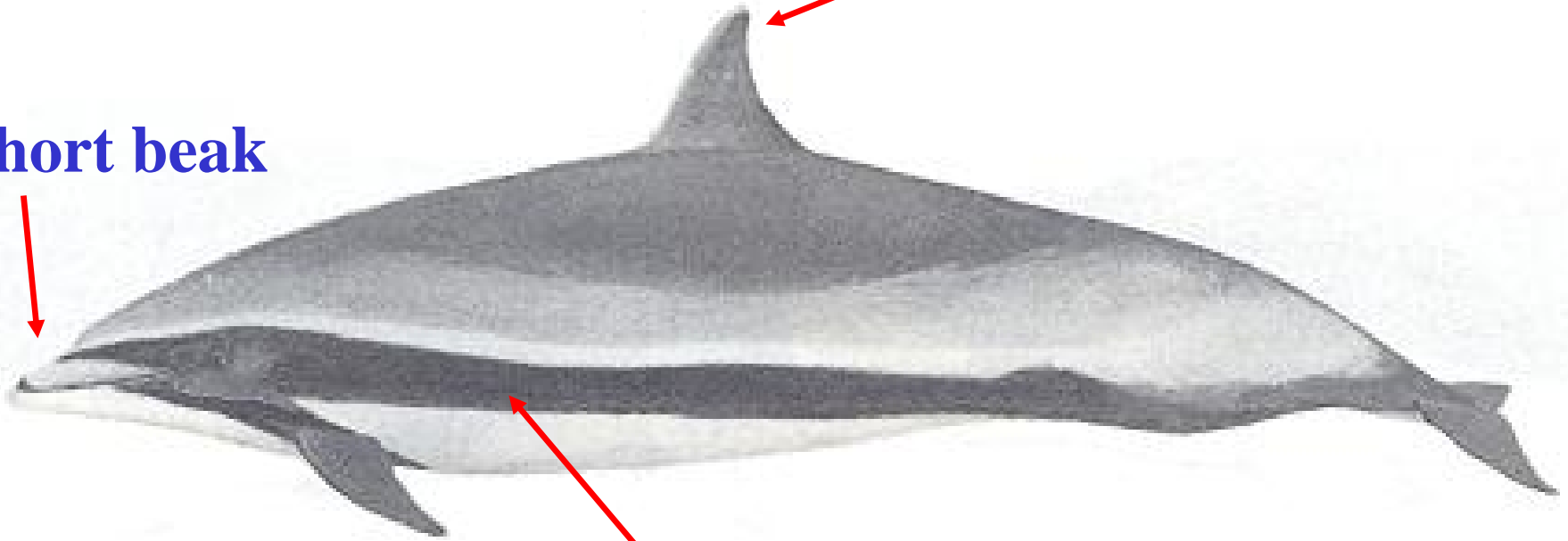




Fraser's Dolphin
Lagenodelphis hosei

Short beak

Small triangular dorsal fin



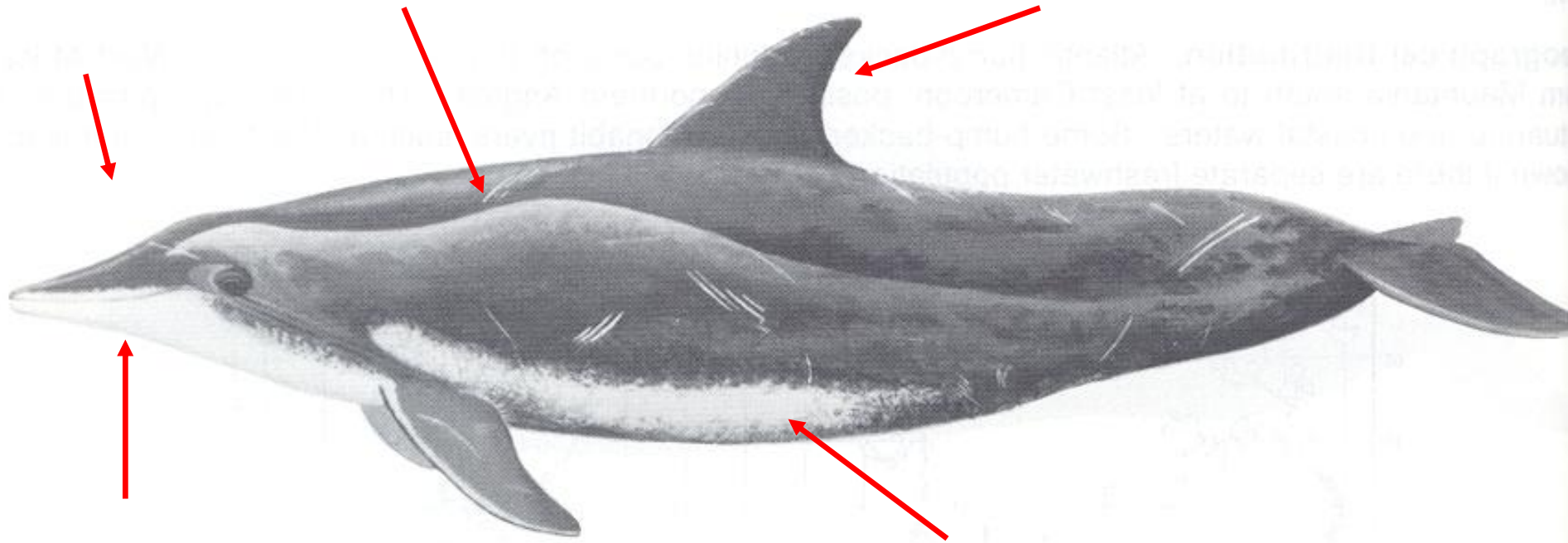
Wide eye-anus stripe

Fraser's Dolphin









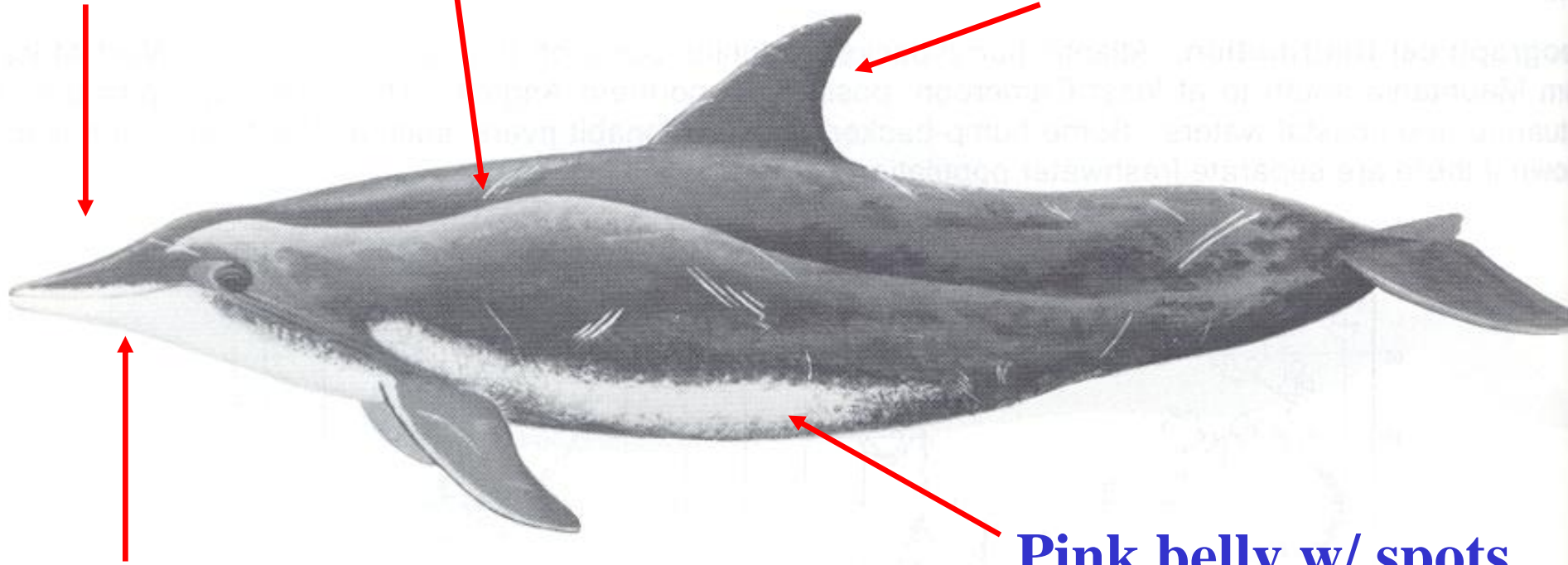
Rough-toothed Dolphin

Steno bredanensis

Suspender stripe

No crease

Large dorsal fin



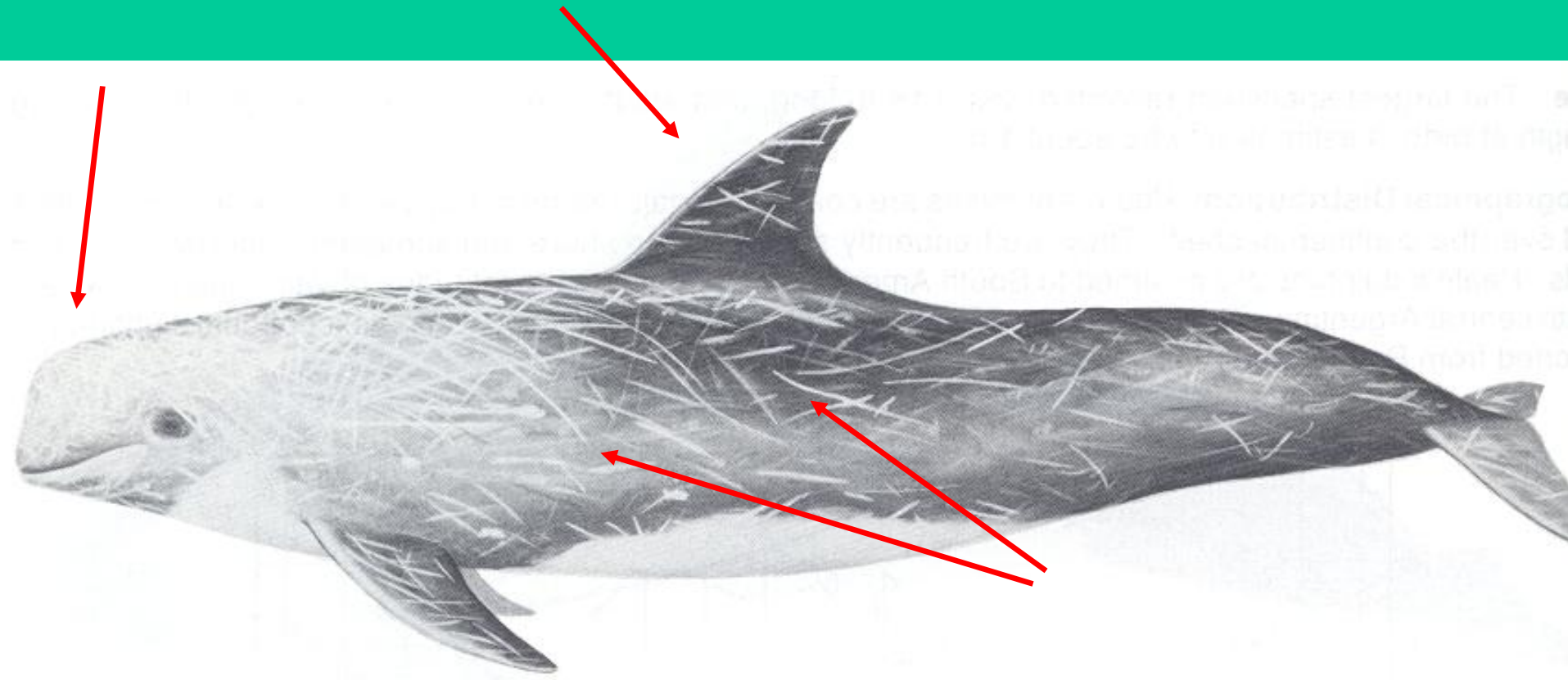
Pink belly w/ spots

White chin

Rough-toothed Dolphin

Rough-toothed Dolphin



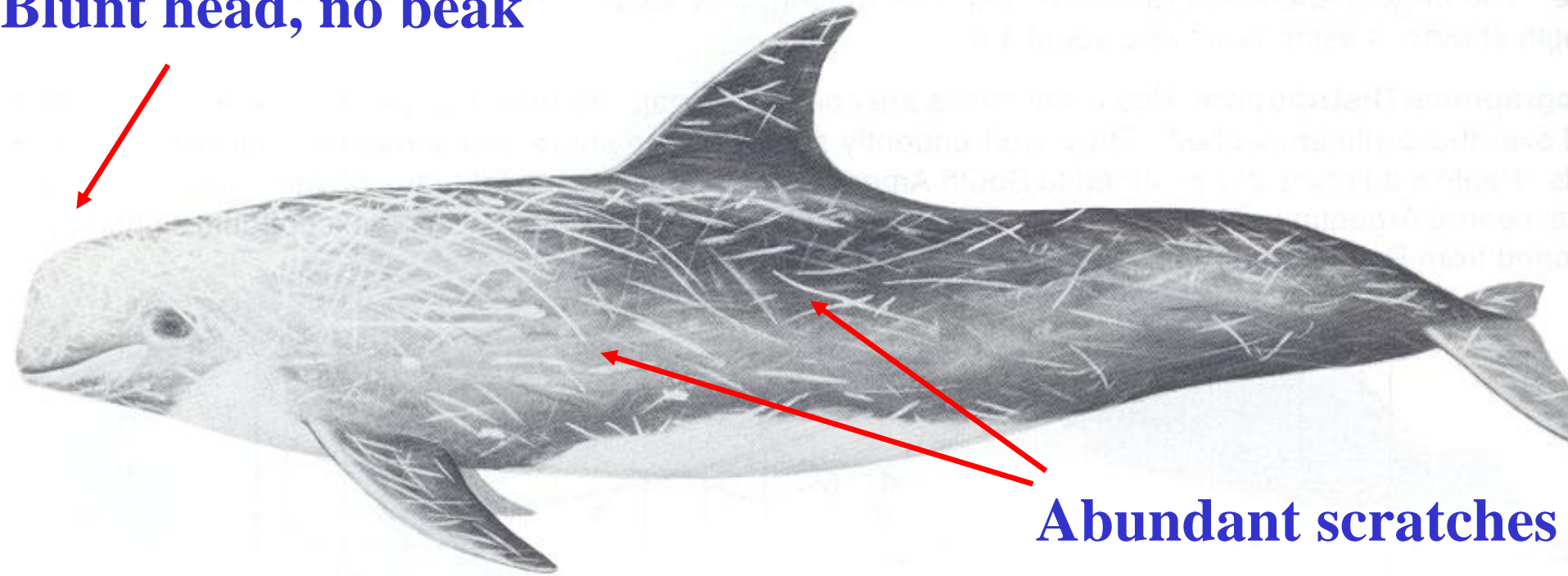


Risso's Dolphin (aka Grampus)

Grampus griseus

Tall dorsal fin

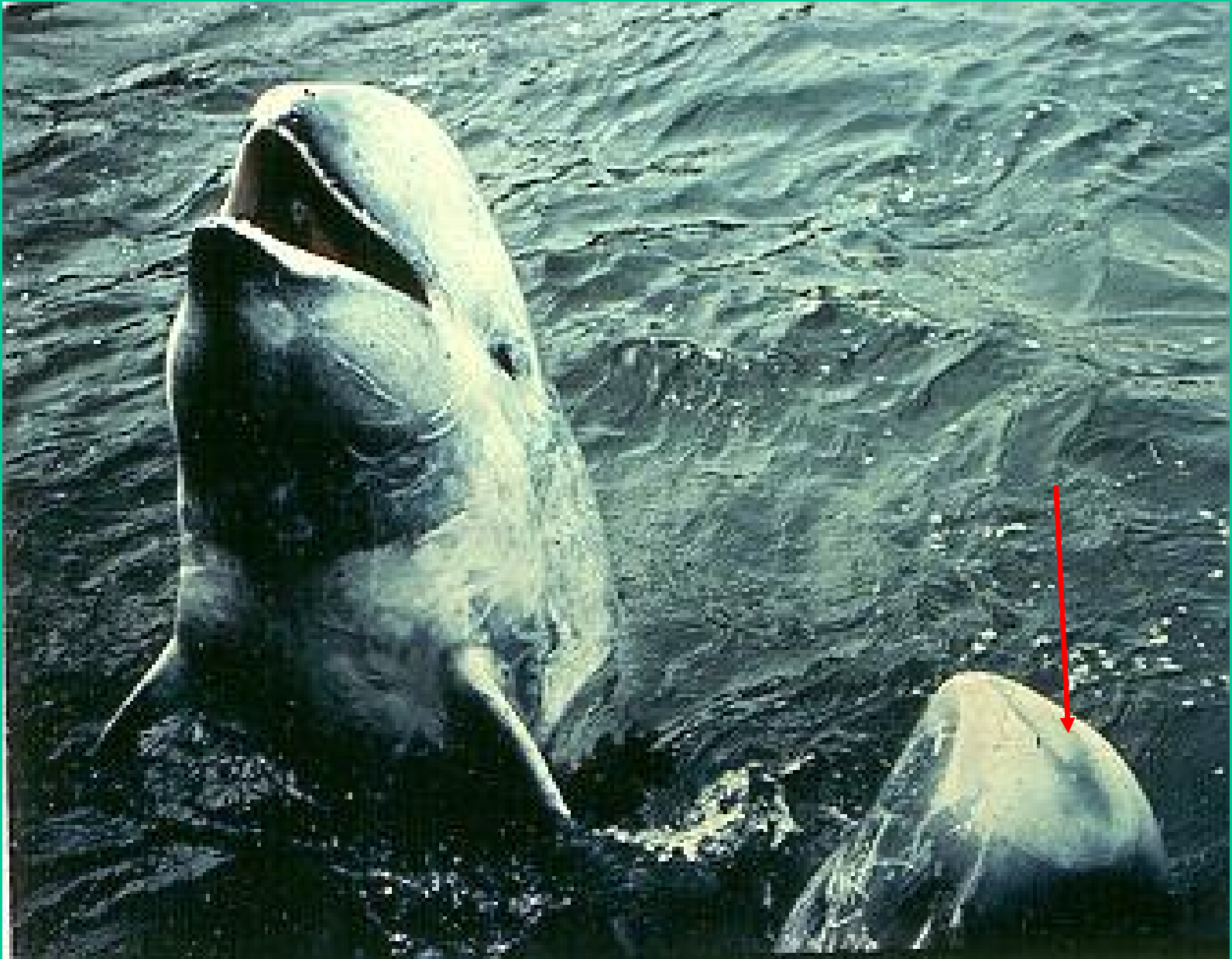
Blunt head, no beak



Abundant scratches

Risso's Dolphin







Risso's Dolphin, juvenile



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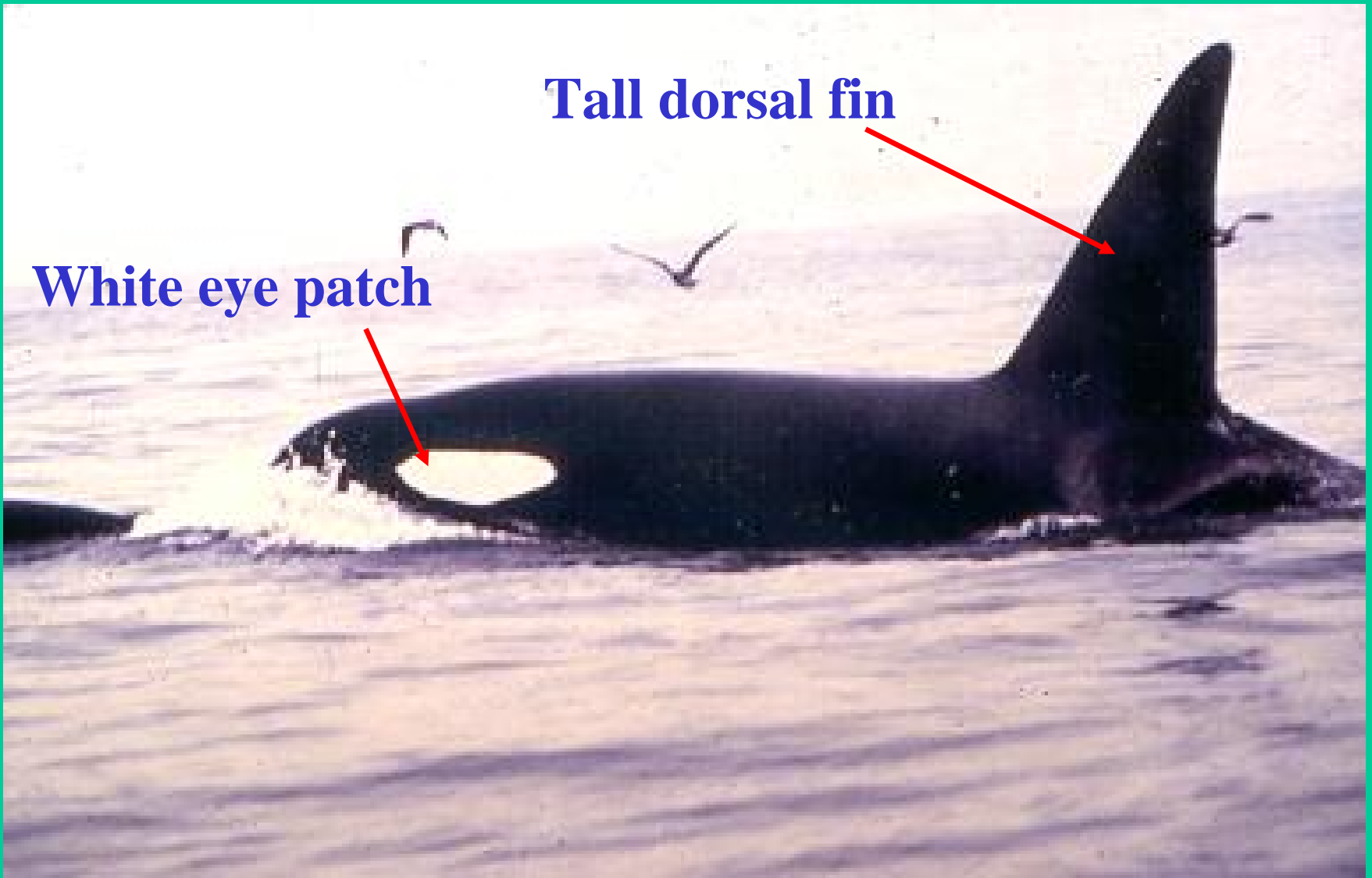
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Killer Whale
Orcinus orca

Tall dorsal fin

White eye patch

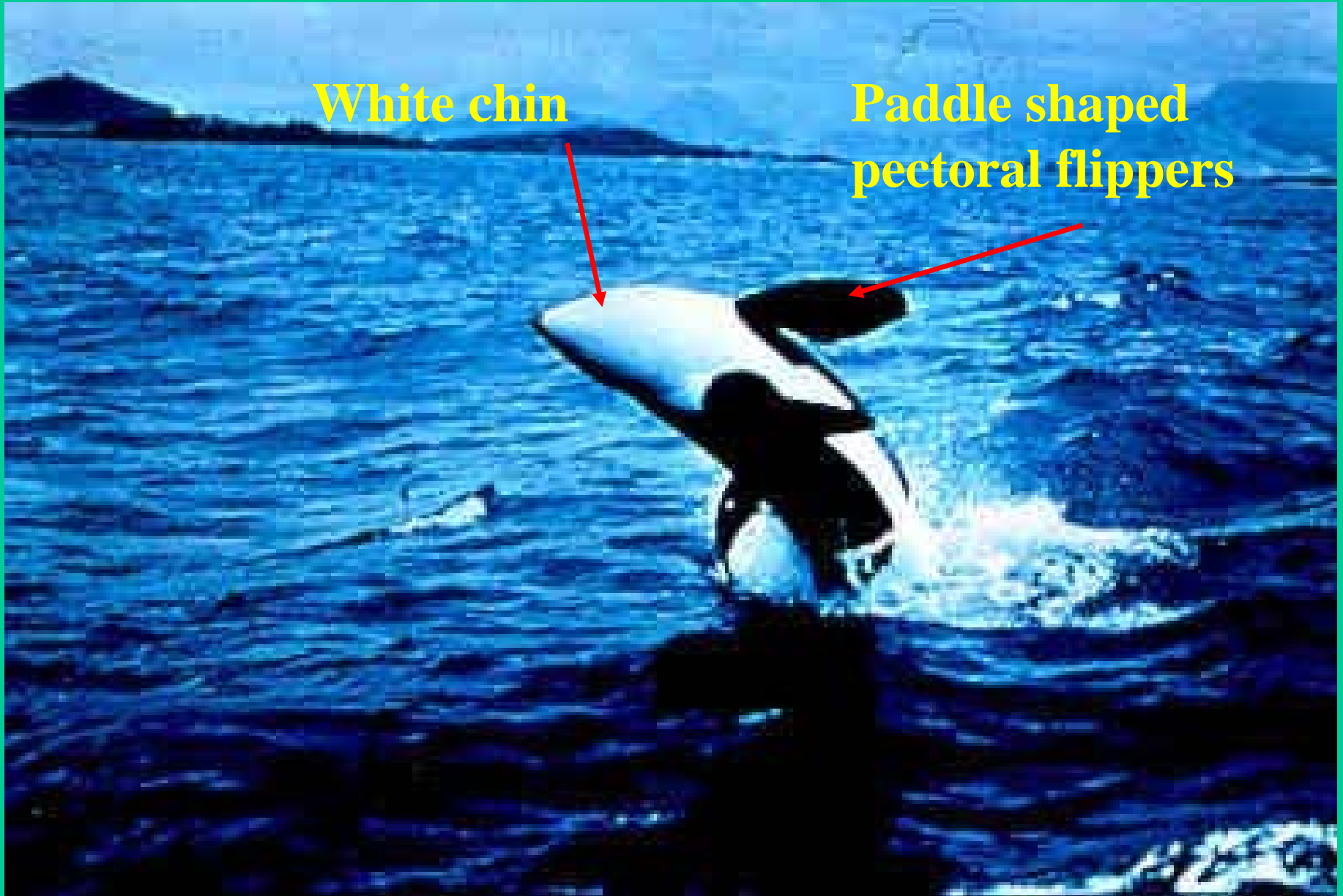


Killer Whale



White chin

**Paddle shaped
pectoral flippers**







Saddle patch







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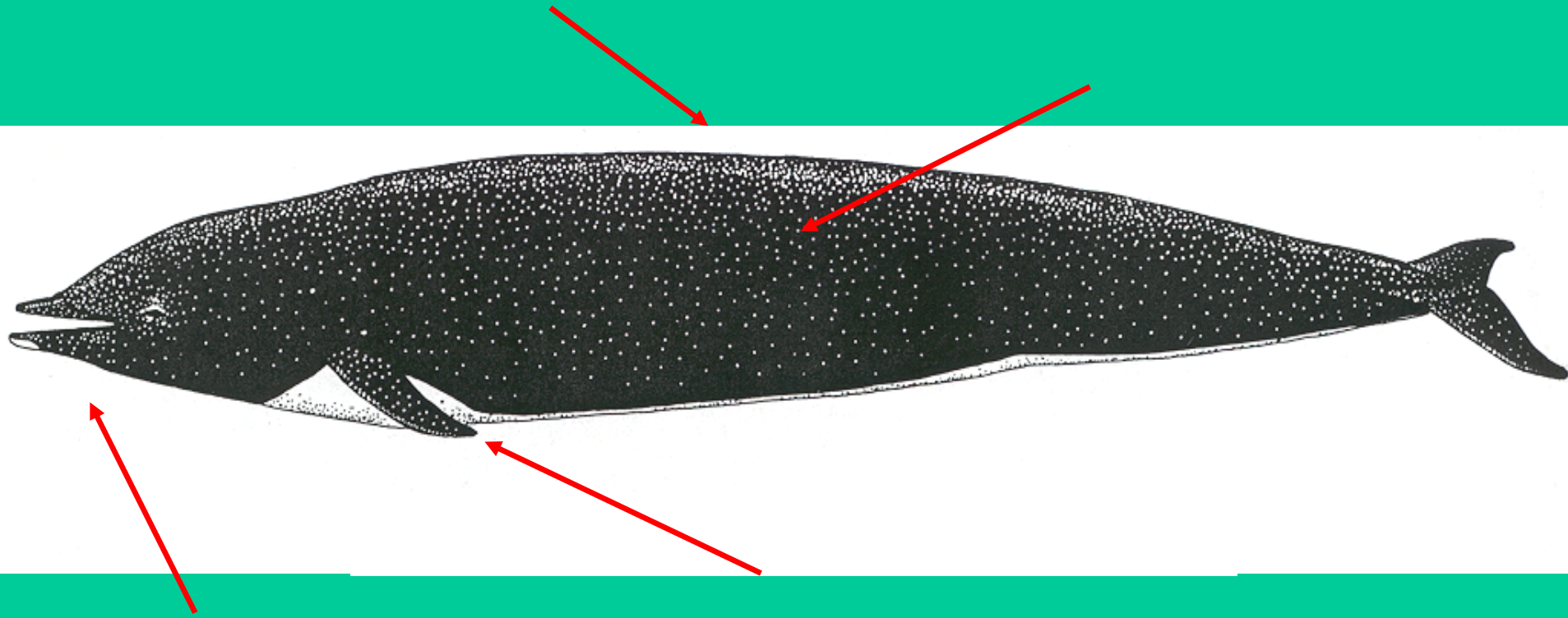
A pod of Orcas attacking a Gray whale cow and her calf near Monterey Bay, CA. The calf is on it's mother's back.

Dall's Porpoise







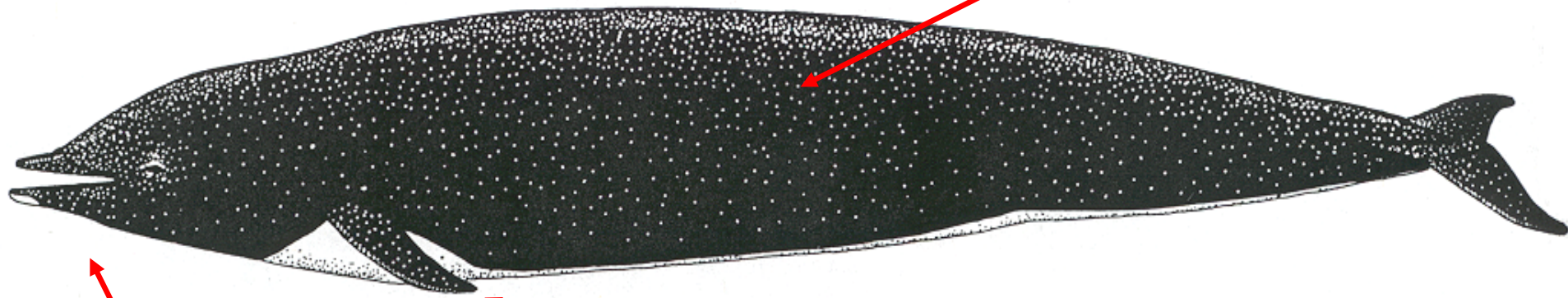


Northern Right Whale Dolphin

Lissodelphis borealis

No dorsal fin

Black body coloration



Small sharp beak

Small pectoral flipper

Northern Right Whale Dolphin

dorsal view



ventral view





What am I?

Atlantic White-sided Dolphin

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