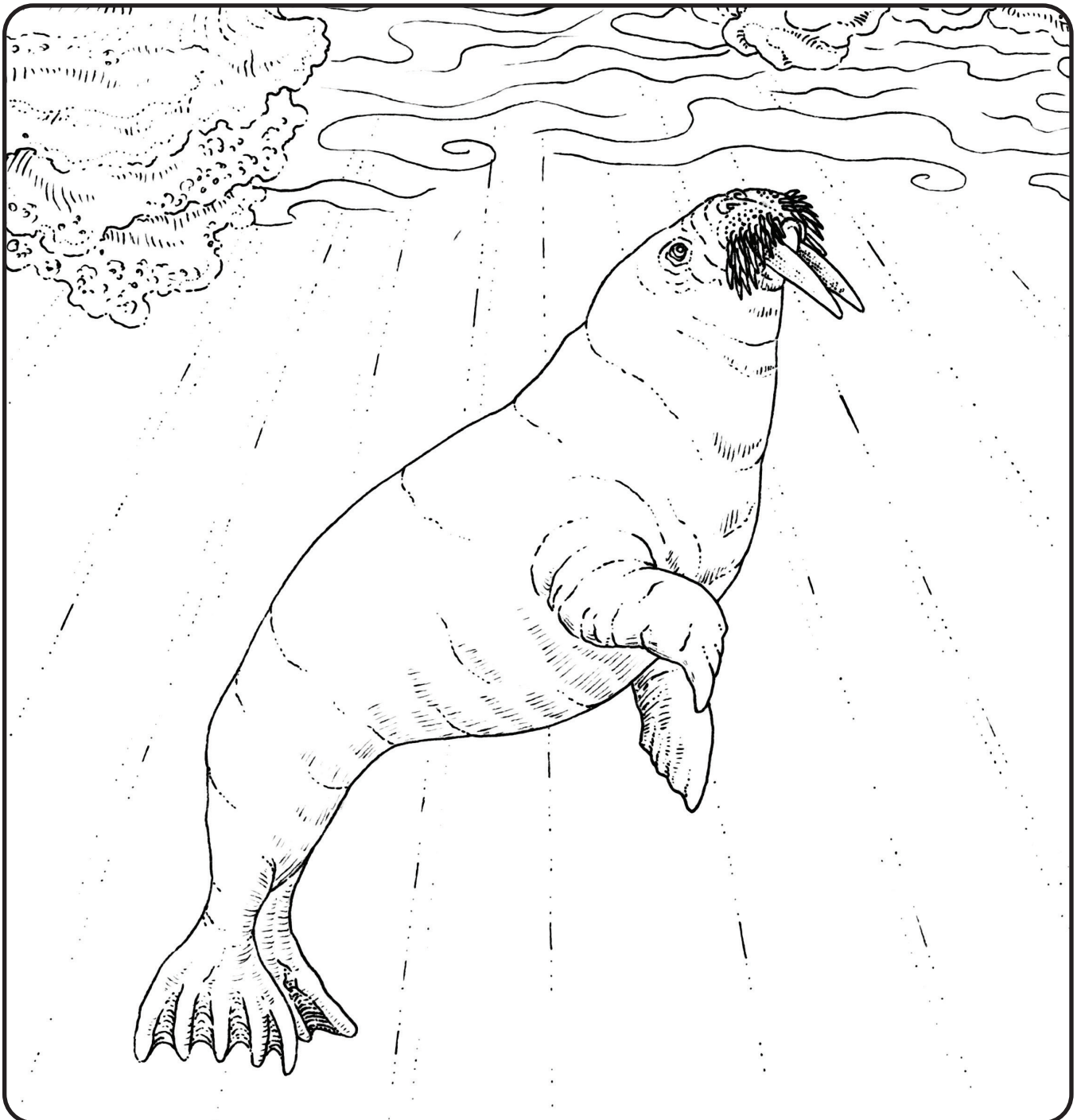




# Pacific walrus

Pacific walruses have large upper teeth called tusks. They use these tusks to interact with each other, pull themselves out of water, and make holes in ice to breathe. Walruses have a thick layer of fat called blubber which keeps them warm. They use their whiskers to find food on the ocean floor, including clams, sea cucumbers, and mussels. Some adult walruses even hunt seals! Climate change threatens Pacific walruses and the subsistence harvest of walruses by Alaska's Indigenous people. Harvests provide important food and traditional artwork materials.



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