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**Midnight Zone**
- Create their own light
- ‘Sit and wait’ hunters
- Tiny eyes
- Hunters with lights

**Sunlight Zone**
- Has plants
- Sleek bodied fish
- Fast fish that hunt

**Twilight Zone**
- No plants
- Grazers and hunt

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**Midnight Zone**
Most creatures have tiny eyes. Animals create their own light, and lure their prey. Other hunters ‘sit and wait’

**Sunlight Zone**
Sleek bodied fish swim fast to catch their prey. Sunlight allows plants to grow so plant feeders are also found.

**Twilight Zone**
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**Sunlight Zone**
Sunlight allows plants to grow so plant feeders are found as well as fast swimming hunters. Fish tend to be sleeked bodied and muscly so they can catch their prey.

**Twilight Zone**
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