



# Ready, Set...WAIT!

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On May 27, 2010, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced its predicted outlook for the 2010 hurricane season: 14 to 23 Named Storms.

*"If this outlook holds true, this season could be one of the more active on record"*

*-Jane Lubchenco, Ph. D., NOAA Administrator*

## What do Animals Do?

Hurricane . . . just the word brings to mind the power of these natural disasters. Humans watch the news and know of impending arrival. We board up windows and gather supplies. We might huddle in our homes go inland. Then we wait for the storm to arrive. But what do wild animals do? Do they know when a storm is coming? If so, how do they prepare? This book explains how nine animals sense, react, and prepare for a hurricane. Based on research or observations, the brief portraits are explained in simple, poetic language for children of all ages.



or

*" Teachers and homeschooling parents will appreciate this...it contains simple text, colorful illustrations,; a raft of data, maps and diagrams, and some scientific observations of animal behavior prior to the arrival of a hurricane."*

*--School Library Journal*



## For Creative Minds

Teachers and parents will love the "For Creative Minds" educational section, which includes the following educational activities:

- **Natural Disasters—What is a Hurricane?**
- **What's in a Name? Where in the World? Map**
- **What's in a Number? & What Can the Storm Do?**
- **Saffir Simpson Hurricane Scale**
- **Preparing for the Storm**
- **Animal Behavior-Scientific or Observation?**

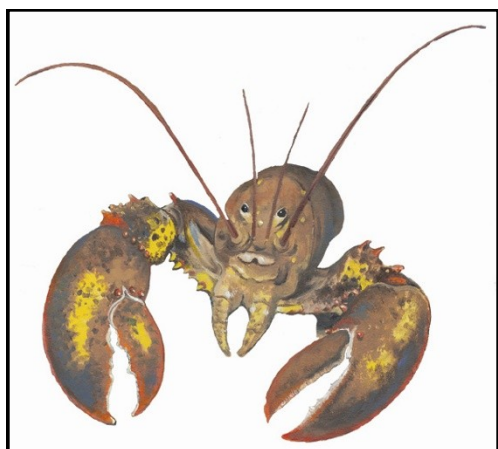
There are also "Related Websites," "Interactive Math, Reading, and Comprehension Quizzes," and "Teaching Activities" on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website, [www.sylvandellpublishing.com](http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com). Thanks to Erica Rule, Outreach Coordinator, and Neal Dorst, Research Meteorologist, both of NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, for verifying the hurricane information.

## About the Author/Illustrator



Influenced by wildlife around her, **Patti Zelch's** stories have been published in magazines and anthologies. While preparing for a hurricane, her grandson asked her what wild animals would do during the storm. After much research, she learned that some wildlife seem to sense upcoming storms long before humans. *Ready, Set...WAIT!* is the result of her research and is her debut picture book. A retired teacher, Patti and her husband split the year between southern Florida and North Carolina.

Award-winning illustrator **Connie McLennan** has been a freelance artist for over 25 years, since attending Academy of Art College in San Francisco. In addition to illustrating *Ready, Set...WAIT!*, she has also illustrated *Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoy & Gulls*, *The Rainforest Grew All Around*, *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*, *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean*, and *Octavia and her Purple Ink Cloud* for Sylvan Dell Publishing. Her studio is at her home in California where she lives with her husband, teenage son, and her big, black cat. Visit Connie's website for more information: <http://www.conniemclennan.com/>.



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