CORAL REEF FISH KEY

Name _____

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Write the name of each fish in the space below the box using the following key:

Step 1 If fish shape is long and skinny then go to step 2 If fish shape is not long and skinny, then go to step 3	**Step 5** If fish has spots, then go to step 6 If fish does not have spots, then go to step 7
Step 2 If fish has pointed fins, it is a trumpet fish If fish has smooth fins, it is a spotted moray eel	**Step 6** If fish has chin "whiskers," it is a spotted goat fish If fish does not have chin "whiskers," it is a band-tail puffer
Step 3 If fish has both eyes on top of the head, then go to step 4 If fish has one eye on each side of the head, then go to step 5	**Step 7** If fish has stripes, then go to step 8 If fish does not have stripes, it is a glassy sweeper
Step 4 If fish has long whip-like tail, it is a spotted eagle ray If fish has short, blunt tail, it is a peacock flounder	**Step 8** If fish has a v-shaped tail, it is a squirrel fish If fish has a blunt tail, it is a glass-eye snapper