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5th Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mary Moore Elementary Mrs. Upchurch Have you ever watched animal planet and seen sea turtles caught in plastic? It is very disturbing. Over 1,000 sea turtles die every year from plastic. That is why I am making Underwater cameras. The camera will be specially designed to stick onto every boat in the world. This way the cameras can take pictures of any sea turtle that they see might need help. All of the pictures would go to a wildlife rescue center where they could help the sea turtles out.

I would get people to follow my idea by getting donors and going to court to show that this is a good idea.

One reason sea turtles are getting stuck in plastic is that people are not cutting their plastic soda holders. This means that sea turtles have the chance of getting stuck in the plastic. My rule would be that you have to cut all plastic that could have a chance of harming sea turtles.

A problem with the rescuers is that wildlife rescue can only go so far to look for injured animals. They may only go out 30 miles which is only about 28 minutes into the ocean.

This is why we need this camera. The camera can identify wildlife in need of rescuing and if it sees a sea turtle then it can automatically take the picture and the picture would then be sent to a wildlife rescue center nearby.

In conclusion, I would make an underwater camera that could stick on the bottom of the boat and automatically take pictures of endangered animals. I would go to court to show people I really care, and my rule would be for people to cut all plastic that has a chance of animals getting stuck. What would you do to save wildlife?