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Sea Turtle Advocacy

There are just 7,000 - 9,000 nesting female Kemp's Ridley sea turtles worldwide. ("Information About Sea Turtles: Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle"). This needs to be a priority. We still have a chance though, because Delaware has an election for their state sea turtle out of four species that have migrated to their shores. We can fight this issue by naming Kemp's Ridley sea turtle Delaware's state sea turtle. Kemp's Ridley should be the state sea turtle because it can increase profits for Delaware and represents Delaware.

Firstly, Delaware should entitle Kemp's Ridley as the state sea turtle because it can augment profits for the state. This happened in upper Texas, attracting ecotourism and boosting the region's economy significantly ("Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle"). There has been an increase of thousands of tourists from the sighting of these turtles, captivating many ("Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle"). This is thanks to an arribada, Spanish for arrival. The arribada is a natural phenomenon when numerous female Kemp's Ridleys nest synchronously on the shore of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico ("Kemp's Ridley Nesting "Arribada"). Designating the Kemp's Ridley the Delaware's state sea turtle will also boost Delaware's economy. If we can foster the Kemp's Ridley on Delaware shores then we will see the arrival of these turtles increase, similarly to humans if they feel safe in a certain area, and the revenue from these sightings will be advantageous for the state.

Another reason why Delaware should denominate Kemp's Ridley as the state sea turtle is because it strongly resembles the state. Delaware is the penultimate smallest state in the U.S. and the sixth-lowest in population ("US States - Ranked by Population 2022"). Likewise, Kemp's Ridley is the smallest sea turtle, measuring 24-27 inches long and weighing 100 pounds ("Kemp's Ridley Turtle"). It is the most endangered sea turtle with an estimated population of 7,000-9,000 ("Information About Sea Turtles: Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle"). Though they are both undersized, themselves and in numbers, both have had monumental impacts on their respective contexts. Delaware had upstarted the development of the U.S. by being the first state to ratify the constitution on December 7, 1787 ("DELAWARE FAST FACTS"). This was a heavy factor in the progression of a young, confused, republic. It also was a determiner in nicknaming Delaware "The Small Wonder" ("DELAWARE FAST FACTS"). In the context of the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, the turtle is the smallest of these 4 species and provides a large role because of the ecosystem health boost it provides with its long-term temperature and nesting databases. ("Taking the Temperature of the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle). This can be a key example of how climate change affects other species with temperature-sensitive reproduction, including many other sea turtles, ("Taking the Temperature of the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle) which will ultimately lead to the eventual increase in the universal population of sea turtles.

In conclusion, when the aforementioned reasons are considered, it's very transparent that naming the Kemp's Ridley Delaware's state sea turtle will benefit the values of both parties. Kemp's Ridley is the most qualified sea turtle for this title because it will provide economical benefits to the state as well as represent its values. The Kemp's Ridley is in imminent danger of extinction through a significant portion, if not its entire range, ("Kemp's Ridley Turtle") but naming it Delaware's state sea turtle will combat this calamity.

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