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FROM THE HELM

Greetings!

What a busy year with good news and bad news. Reaching out to the public of all ages has been most rewarding. We welcome all of our new members and look forward to working with you. Unfortunately the UME (Unusual Mortality Event) which involves the deaths of thousands of coastal dolphins has us very concerned. Additional information about this UME is contained within this newsletter. Recent news and updates on other issues are included.

Please take note of the 2014 survey dates posted in this newsletter and on our website. The 2014 training dates will be posted on the website as soon as they are confirmed. An email will be sent to members and the dates will be advertised in media.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and Hanukkah and a Healthy New Year.

Peach
TDP President

2014 Survey Dates

January 11

February 12 +Dolphins & Desserts w/ Dr. Eric Montie

March 15

April 12

May 17 +Dolphins & Desserts w/ Clay George (GA-DNR)

June 21

July 19 +TDP 25th Anniversary

August 23

September 20

October 25 +TDP VIP party

November 15



Thanks to Krystal Goodwin, we've got a great Facebook page. Please check us out and be our 'friend' and have your friends be our 'friend' too!

www.facebook.com/TheDolphinProject

Survey Reminders...

If you are a survey crew member and haven't been to a training workshop in a few years, **please plan on a refresher course**. We have added a lot of new information, scientific facts and survey protocol to our program.

Reminders... check the Summer 'On Effort' newsletter

Mark your calendars and be sure to sign up for the surveys 4 weeks in advance so we can coordinate the crews.

Dolphin Disease...

DNR CONFIRMS DOLPHIN DISEASE IN GEORGIA

A disease that has killed more than 900 bottlenose dolphins along mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S. coasts since July 1 has been confirmed in Georgia.

Georgia DNR reported today that samples taken from four dolphins found dead at Wassaw and Jekyll islands in November tested positive for dolphin morbillivirus. The measles-like virus affects the lungs, brain and immune system of marine mammals. Dolphin morbillivirus, also referred to as DMV, is not infectious to humans.

The confirmation is not surprising. Dolphins had already tested positive in South Carolina and Florida.

The number of stranded dolphins – those found dead or dying along the beach – has increased in the Southeast this fall as morbillivirus follows the seasonal migration of coastal bottlenose dolphins from the upper mid-Atlantic. A spike in strandings in the mid-Atlantic led NOAA Fisheries to declare an Unusual Mortality Event this summer.



In the four weeks since Nov. 15, DNR documented 23 dead dolphins in Georgia. Wildlife biologist Clay George of DNR's Nongame Conservation Section said the state usually has about 21 dolphin strandings per year. The total count of stranded dolphins in Georgia is 75 at this writing. This number is three times the yearly average. "Unfortunately, there's

nothing we can do to stop the disease from spreading,” George said. “We can only hope that this is part of the natural cycle, and that populations will rebound to healthy levels soon.”

DNR researchers are taking photographs and samples from each stranded dolphin, and conducting necropsies on selected carcasses. In addition to understanding how the disease spreads, researchers want to know how the disease affects different populations. Bottlenose dolphins in coastal Georgia are a mix of migratory animals and



non-migratory residents. “So far we’ve seen no evidence that the disease is killing resident dolphins,” George said. “We suspect most of the dead dolphins are coastal migrants.”

DNR and other researchers (like TDP) keep track of resident dolphins by photographing their dorsal fins. Many dolphins can be identified by the shape of their dorsal fins. Georgia Marine Mammal Stranding Network partners and NOAA Fisheries have provided significant help with stranding response and logistics. Tissue samples are being tested at the University of Georgia and the University of California, Davis.

Anyone who spots a stranded dolphin or other sick or hurt marine mammal should report it to the Georgia Marine Mammal Stranding Network, 1-800-2-SAVE-ME (1-800-272-8363), or to 1-877-WHALE-HELP (1-877-942-5343) in other Southeastern states. Public reporting is critical for network partners to find stranded dolphins and document impacts of this disease on their populations.

The disease is expected to continue through spring of 2014 as the migrating dolphins, that are now headed south, return north.

This same disease was the impetus for the founding of The Dolphin Project in 1989, when, it is estimated, that half of the coastal population of Bottlenose dolphins on the east coast died from the virus. There were no records on the coastal dolphins for

Dolphin Disease...

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Georgia and lower South Carolina at that time. TDP research is crucial in identifying dead dolphins.

Due to our high tides and expansive marshes, an accurate death total cannot be achieved. Tides carry dead or injured dolphins into the marsh and they rarely come out again. To get an estimate of a total number of strandings, researchers use a complicated mathematical formula, based on the current number found, winds, tides, etc.

Dolphin Necropsy...



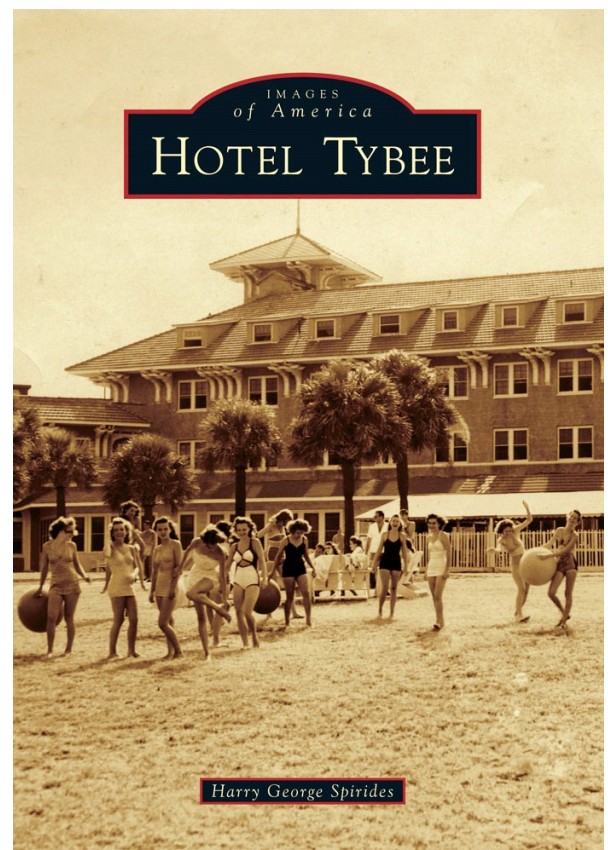
TDP Board member and AASU Anatomy Professor, Krystal Goodwin, assisted Dr. Tara Cox in a dolphin necropsy (animal autopsy) at Savannah State university this fall. Peach Hubbard photographed and filmed the event for Dr. Cox.

Hotel Tybee...

From Harry Spirides, *CEO of Ocean Plaza Beach Resort and generous sponsor of TDP:*

I am pleased to announce the upcoming release of my book about the legendary Hotel Tybee which was built in 1889 on the site of today's Ocean Plaza Beach Resort. Hotel Tybee served the public for more than 70 years. The book titled *Hotel Tybee* and published by Arcadia Publishing details the long and colorful history of Tybee Island as a sea-side beach resort destination by telling the fascinating story of Hotel Tybee. The book tells how Hotel Tybee witnessed hurricanes, wars, a riot, murder, gambling, numerous social events, Prohibition, and the Great Depression. All of my profits from the sale of this book will be donated to restoring the Tybee Post Theater into a vibrant community performing arts and cultural center.

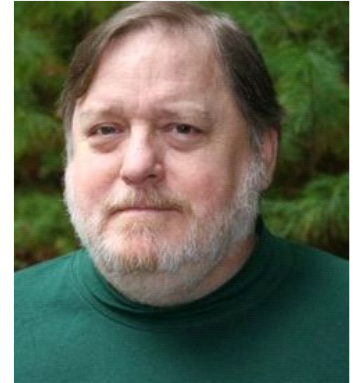
Several pages of *Hotel Tybee* may be viewed now and the book pre-ordered now on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) by clicking on the following web link. [Hotel Tybee at Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



In Memorium ...

BEAU CUTTS —founder of The Dolphin Project

Beau Cutts was a journalist for 40 years, but he'd been an adventurer all his life. He found a way to somehow meld his job and his hobby, and take complete strangers along for the ride. Cutts snorkeled with humpbacked whales, enjoyed skydiving and hang-gliding excursions and sailed around the world. And after it was all over, he chronicled the experience.



“He liked to do things that people would maybe dream about doing and then write about them,” said his former wife, Carol Cutts. “He was so able to reach the average reader in the way he presented his stories. In his later years, when he was sick, he said how grateful he was to have had those adventures.”

Robert Warren Cutts Sr., known as Beau by all, of Flowery Branch, died Sept. 11 from complications of diabetes and cardiac issues. He was 66.

Athens-born, Cutts decided to study journalism at Georgia State University, his former wife said. He graduated in the late '60s, but before he finished school, he began his journalism career at the Marietta Daily Journal. He left the Marietta paper to join The Atlanta Constitution, where he worked until the late '80s, Carol Cutts said.

JUDY SHEALY, TDP member

Judith Randall Shealy, of Smyrna, passed away at a local hospital on November 6. Born in Minneapolis and raised in Milwaukee, Judy attended University School in Milwaukee, New College in Sarasota, and she graduated from the University of Miami. She settled in Atlanta in 1968 and married her husband Steve in 1977. After retiring from Home Depot, she greatly enjoyed her volunteer work at the Georgia Aquarium. A celebration of life will be held at the Georgia Aquarium on Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

JOHN NASH MCINTOSH, TDP member



John Nash McIntosh, 75, died peacefully on Friday, August 2, 2013 in Winchester, TN. Nash was born in Savannah, Georgia on May 23, 1938. After college and serving in the U.S. Navy, he worked in naval stores and banking, and then ran his own company, Whitney and Oettler. A lifelong resident of Savannah, Nash would spend every spare minute enjoying the wonders of the coast and downtown Savannah. Nash knew the rivers and creeks by heart, and loved to take his boat Po' Cracker out fishing. Swimming has been a part of Nash's life since

he was a youngster growing up in Isle of Hope. He celebrated his 70th birthday by swimming from Tybee to Hilton Head. Nash also enjoyed windsurfing and was an accomplished sailor.

TDP 25th Anniversary!!! ...

The 25th Anniversary of The Dolphin Project will be held on July 19th.

Mark your calendars!

This party will be even better than our 20th. The casual celebration will feature Bar-B-Que, Low Country Boil, Music, a silent auction and lots of fun!!!

We're in the process of reaching out for sponsorships and donations for our auction. The auction items will include, restaurant and hotel certificates, artwork, signed books, gift baskets, jewelry and lots of other great treasures. Please reach out to friends, family and businesses to help TDP. The success of this event will fund our research and education projects. We have sponsorship and donation packages available.

To obtain an anniversary package, contact Peach after the holidays:
thedolphinproject@gmail.com

'Plastic Paradise' ...

From TDP VP, Don Bender...

Plastic Paradise the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a well done film by journalist/filmmaker Angela Sun. In the film she interviews scientists, researchers, and volunteers. In one of the more memorable moments she goes to a convention of plastic manufacturers with the camera running and talks to members in attendance. When she shows them pictures of an Albatross which has died and the plastic contents of its stomach, she is asked to leave the convention because she is upsetting people.

The emphasis of the film is that we need to stop plastic at its source – the plastics manufacturers. Their attitude, as expressed on the film is that there is a demand for their product and as long as there is a demand they will manufacture plastic. They consider the proliferation of plastic trash and its impact on sea life to be the responsibility of the users. They are without any fault or responsibility.

The showing of this film in Atlanta on December 3rd was sponsored by One More Generation (OMG) founded by two young children, Olivia and Carter . We first met these folks in this organization 2 years ago at the Earth Day celebration at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. One of the most startling images from the presentation was the appearance of the "Bag Man" who wears a suit made of plastic bags equal to what an average family uses in a year.

As The Dolphin Project emphasizes in its educational presentations, plastic and other pollutants are responsible for the degradation of the water quality in the oceans, which takes its toll on all those creatures which live in the ocean or depend on it for their food. Dolphins of course, are particularly vulnerable to the degradation of the oceans. Lucy Robinson is working to get this film so that others can see it.



Dangerous Chemicals in Brunswick...

Dangerous chemicals threaten creeks in Brunswick Cleanup sought to remove benzene, other toxins

By [Terry Dickson](#) Sun, Dec 1, 2013 @ 6:47 pm | updated Sun, Dec 1, 2013 @ 7:09 pm
Georgia Times Union

BRUNSWICK | A city with more than its share of Superfund sites will likely see another big cleanup, albeit this one guided by the state. The problem this time is in the groundwater beneath and adjacent to Pinova, a company that produces ingredients used in food products. The problem was already there, however, when Pinova bought the former Hercules specialty-resins facility from Ashland Inc. in 2010. Samples from test wells have turned up troubling levels of a laundry list of chemicals — toluene, xylenes, acetone, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform and methyl chloride among them. The most troubling, however, is the level of benzene and where it has been found, said Jim Brown, program manager of the Environmental Protection Division's Land Protection Branch. "The chemical we see most is benzene. It's one of the chemicals that come in diesel fuel," Brown said. "The contamination is off site, and we want to address that."

Samples from monitoring wells have found benzene at 1,400 parts per billion in the shallow upper aquifer beneath the plant's sprawling grounds. It has been found at lower levels along L Street to the south of the plant, north of the plant under a motel and east of U.S. 17 on the grounds of a former paint factory. Although the levels are in the hundreds of parts per billion and even as low 25 to 35 parts per billion in some areas, that's well above the 5 parts per billion that is considered safe in drinking water, the EPA says. The EPA goal is zero given that prolonged consumption can result in anemia and an increased risk of cancer.

Drinking water is not the issue, Brown said, because, "There's no public drinking-water wells near this area." Residents and businesses are on the water system run by the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission, which draws water from the Floridan aquifer at least 500 feet deep. The Floridan is also protected by a overlying layer of limestone that confines the shallow aquifers, Brown said. "There's no current exposure," in drinking water, but the shallow groundwater drains into nearby Dupree and Terry creeks and the marsh, where it can have some harmful effects on wildlife, Brown said.

He stressed that the groundwater is not loaded with contaminants because benzene and some of the other chemicals don't mix well with water. He likened it to oil and vinegar, with the oil riding on top. Brown described it this way: The benzene is in a non-aqueous layer with water passing through and beneath it. When the groundwater passes, it picks up some chemicals, and that's how the contamination occurs. It could go on for years unless that layer of contaminants is removed. That's what EPD wants done.

"It's not an easy fix," Brown said. "The key is you want to make sure there's no source." There are a number of ways to accomplish that, but the remedy will have to be designed, analyzed and be made subject to public comment, he said. In some cases, the groundwater can be removed, filtered and reinjected into the aquifer, albeit with some risks. During the process, care must be taken against "flooding the aquifer," in which more groundwater is

pumped back in than the shallow aquifers can take.

"You can push contaminants out into clean areas," he said. The delineation between clean and contaminated areas and the levels of contamination found in monitoring wells is in a more recent study of groundwater tests that is in the review process and should be released soon. After that, the work should begin on cleaning up contamination that has existed for years.

The original facility was built in 1911 as Yaryan, which distilled resins from pine stumps and produced naval stores. Hercules bought the company in 1920 and expanded its products to include chemicals widely used in sports drinks, chewing gum and other consumer goods. Pinova also produces resins and polyturpenes that are used in drinks, pharmaceuticals and other products, it said in its website.

'BLACKFISH' update...

(CNN) -- Faced with a growing backlash from entertainers and others responding to a documentary film claiming mistreatment of whales, SeaWorld bought full-page ads in newspapers nationwide Friday to call the accounts inaccurate and paint its employees as "true animal advocates." "The truth about SeaWorld is right here in our parks and people," the company said in the ad, which appeared in The New York Times and other papers.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) immediately issued a statement challenging the accuracy of the ads and encouraging people, "Please don't fall for it." SeaWorld has been battered in recent weeks since the television premiere of the [documentary "Blackfish" on CNN](#). The movie traces a 39-year history of killer whales in captivity, leading up to the 2010 killing of SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau by the 12,000-pound orca Tilikum -- a whale previously associated with the death of two other people. [Filmmaker Gabriela Cowperthwaite](#) said the documentary team's research for the film shows the whales suffer from boredom and stress and are unsuitable for life in captivity.

A number of entertainers, including Heart, Canadian rock band Barenaked Ladies and country music singers Martina McBride and Willie Nelson, canceled appearances at SeaWorld after the airing. A Malibu, California, school recently canceled its annual overnight field trip to the park after students spoke out in opposition, and a San Diego, California, high school cinema class posted a video to YouTube with students pledging to spend no more money at SeaWorld until the company changes its practices. ['Blackfish' prompts school to cancel longstanding SeaWorld trip](#)

Social media sites critical of SeaWorld also are filled with comments from people vowing they'll never go to the parks again after viewing the film. SeaWorld has consistently rejected the "Blackfish" accusations, including in statements to CNN, but the ads published Friday are perhaps its most visible effort to defend itself. In its ad, [also posted to its website](#), SeaWorld:

- Denied accusations that it captures killer whales in the wild, saying it last did so 35 years ago.
- Said it does not separate whale calves from their mothers except for "the rare occasion that a mother killer whale cannot care for the calf herself."

- Rejected claims that its whales suffer shortened lifespans.
- Argued its work with universities, governments and nonprofits has helped advance scientific understanding of killer whales in the wild, and said it has spent \$70 million in recent years on habitats, which it calls "among the largest in the world today."

The statement released by PETA challenged SeaWorld's claims...

For instance, the animal rights group said, "Although SeaWorld is right in stating that five of its whales have life spans similar to those of orcas in the wild, it fails to note that nearly every other orca at SeaWorld -- some 35 of them -- has died prematurely from violent accidents, preventable injuries, illnesses caused by stressful living conditions, and more."

In its ad, SeaWorld says, "Our guests may enter our gates having never given much thought to the remarkable animals in our oceans ... When they leave with a greater appreciation for the importance of the sea, educated about the animals that live there and inspired to make a difference, we have done our job."

The problem, notes crisis communications expert David Johnson, is that some of those former guests are finding themselves increasingly uncomfortable about their affection for SeaWorld, and are willing to share their squeamishness with the world.

For instance, on YouTube, [students from a Point Loma, San Diego, high school](#) recount their happy memories at SeaWorld before promising to stay away until the park changes its policies. In another video, a [5-year-old boy talks](#) of how the film made him angry about SeaWorld's treatment of whales.

While SeaWorld can get along without entertainers, widely watched images of children rejecting field trips to the parks will be more troublesome, Johnson said. "Oh, it's really damaging," he said. Evidence of whether that proves to be the case could be revealed in February, when the company should next file quarterly reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission showing its financial performance for the quarter that included the CNN airings of "Blackfish."

The company depends entirely on admissions and concession sales for its revenues, which totaled \$538.4 million in the three months that ended on September 30.



Action Alert!!!...

The town of Taiji Japan (featured in the award winning documentary film “the COVE”) plans to open a marine park where tourists can swim with dolphins -- but such a park would fund the town's nearby dolphin slaughter.

The proposed marine park would allow tourists not only to swim with the dolphins but also kayak alongside dolphins and small whales. The cove would be divided to allow for people to enjoy these water “sports” while also tasting various marine products, including whale and dolphin meat. [And in nearby Hatake jiri Bay, fishermen will be busy killing hundreds of dolphins for that very meat.](#)

The idea of keeping dolphins in captivity for human entertainment is bad enough. The fact that this activity will allow for even more slaughter is downright horrifying. [Please sign the petition to stand against the opening of Taiji's water park.](#)

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/750/510/659/protest-and-stop-japan-dolphin-killing-town-to-open-marine-park/?z00m=20647602>

Dolphins Slaughtered in Peru...

(CNN) -- Off Peru's Pacific coast, thousands of dolphins are being slaughtered to be used solely as shark bait -- despite the practice being outlawed by the South American country. The London-based Ecologist Film Unit recently recorded one of the hunts in an undercover investigation and released its material.

On a crisp, sunny day, the group joins a fishing vessel as it goes through rough water riding closer and closer to dusky dolphins swimming under the ship's bow. The crew aims to plunge a harpoon into the pod, assuring it travels all the way through the body of one of the mammals.

Bleeding profusely, the dolphin is hauled on board and almost immediately dies on the deck of the vessel. With his sharpened knife, a Peruvian fisherman then peels the skin off the dolphin's back and carefully cuts the severed body into thin slices.

Even though dolphin killings have been outlawed by Peru's legislature since 1996, Stefan Austermuhle, executive director of [the animal conservation group Mundo Azul](#), said fishermen have continued to target the mammals. He estimated more than 10,000 dolphins are being killed every year in Peruvian waters.

And Man created the plastic bag and the tin and aluminum can and the cellophane wrapper and the paper plate, and this was good because Man could then take his automobile and buy all his food in one place and He could save that which was good to eat in the refrigerator and throw away that which had no further use. And soon the earth was covered with plastic bags and aluminum cans and paper plates and disposable bottles and there was nowhere to sit down or walk, and Man shook his head and cried: "Look at this Godawful mess." ~Art Buchwald, 1970

NOAA rejects Belugas for GA Aquarium...

Under limited exceptions to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), zoos and aquaria can apply for a permit from NOAA Fisheries to import or capture marine mammals for [public display](#). Specific criteria from the MMPA and NOAA Fisheries regulations must be met to obtain a permit under one of these exceptions.

The Georgia Aquarium submitted an application for an MMPA permit on June 15, 2012. This application (File No. 17324) requested authorization to import 18 [beluga whales](#) from the Utrish Marine Mammal Research Station in Russia to the United States for the purpose of public display. These animals were previously captured from the Russian Sea of Okhotsk.

The application requested that animals be imported and legally held by the Georgia Aquarium. Some of the animals would be transported to other U.S. partner facilities under breeding loan agreements. These facilities include Sea World of Florida, Sea World of Texas, Sea World of California, and Shedd Aquarium.

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This beluga whale, currently at the Georgia Aquarium, was born in captivity in 1992.
Photo Credit: Jennifer Skidmore

What was NOAA Fisheries' decision on this permit application?

NOAA Fisheries denied the Georgia Aquarium's request for a permit to import 18 beluga whales to the United States for public display. We used criteria set forth in the MMPA and our regulations, as well as our consideration of the public comments received, to make our decision. We denied the permit application for the following reasons:

- We were unable to determine whether the proposed activity, by itself or in combination with other activities, would likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock. We believe that it is likely that total removals from this stock have exceeded the total net production on an annual basis resulting in a small, but steady and significant decline over the past 2 decades. We believe the ongoing live-capture trade since 1989 may have contributed to a cumulative decline over the past two decades, and we considered this in combination with other past, present, and foreseeable future actions.

NOAA rejects Belugas for GA Aquarium... continued

- We determined that the requested import will likely result in the taking of marine mammals beyond those authorized by the permit. There are ongoing, legal marine mammal capture operations in Russia that are expected to continue, and we believe that issuance of this permit would contribute to the demand to capture belugas from this stock for the purpose of public display in the U.S. and worldwide, resulting in the future taking of additional belugas from this stock.

We determined that five of the beluga whales proposed for import, estimated to be approximately 1.5 years old at the time of capture, were potentially still nursing and not yet independent.

What does this decision mean for future permit applications?

This decision is not a statement by NOAA Fisheries against the applicant, public display, or the live-capture of animals for the purpose of public display. The MMPA provides specific exemptions for public display, provided specific criteria are met. NOAA Fisheries determined that for this application, not all of those criteria were met. The Georgia Aquarium or any other facility may still submit future applications to import or capture marine mammals for public display, and NOAA Fisheries will consider those applications based on the requirements of the MMPA and our regulations.

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

NOAA Fisheries made a preliminary decision that an EA was the appropriate level of analysis to conduct under the [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\)](#) for this application. A [draft EA](#) [pdf] was prepared to assist the agency in making a decision by analyzing the potential adverse impacts on the species resulting from the importation of these beluga whales. The draft EA was available for review and comment concurrent with the application. The [EA](#) [pdf] was revised based on the recommendation to deny the permit and resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Public Comment Period

NOAA Fisheries' regulations require that notices of all permit applications be published in the *Federal Register* for public review and comment for 30 days. Because of increased public interest, this application and the draft EA were made available for comment for 60 days. The public comment period closed on October 29, 2012.

All comments received are a part of the public record and are posted for public viewing on [regulations.gov](#).

We received approximately 9,000 comments on the application and draft Environmental Assessment. These comments included specific concerns about the application as well as general comments against displaying and breeding belugas in captivity.

What are some examples of specific concerns about this application and the general comments NOAA Fisheries received?

The comments that were most helpful to our decision-making process addressed the specific MMPA and regulatory criteria that we must use to make a decision and discussed why the commenter felt the application did or did not meet them.

NOAA rejects Belugas for GA Aquarium... continued

The comments we received pertaining to humaneness determinations (capture and transport), the age of the animals at capture, the status of the Sakhalin-Amur beluga stock, and the effects of the ongoing capture operation on beluga stocks were directly related to the MMPA issuance criteria and considered further in the decision making process.

In general, comments regarding opposition to captivity were not considered substantive as the MMPA allows for public display of marine mammals. Also, the comments we received related to the care and maintenance of marine mammals in captivity fall under the purview of the Animal Welfare Act and the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, so we were unable to respond to them as part of this process.

2013 Education Outreach

The Dolphin Project has been busy this year educating the public about coastal ecology, residential Bottlenose dolphins, the threats to both and how to help. We speak to people of all ages...schools, rotaries, community groups, clubs, festivals, etc. These are some of the organizations that received our message....

May Howard Elementary School Math & Science Night	GA-DNR Coastfest
Young Professionals of Savannah	Inman Park Festival—ATL
Hilton Head Audubon Society	HHI Greater Island Council
Gould Elementary School Science Fair	Spanish Wells Club
Georgia Nature Photography Club	Coastal Museum HHI
National Association of Retired Federal Employees, HHI	AARP, HHI
Osher Lifelong Institute, USC	Midway Middle School
Low Country Master Naturalists	Vanlandingham Rotary
HHI Sail & Power Squadron	Women of St. Frances, HHI
McCracken Middle School, HHI	Tybee Turtle Trot
Numerous Guided Ecology tours for Schools	Coastal Middle School
Chattahoochee Earth Day Festival	AASU Volunteer Fair
Skye Designs, Amelia Is - 2 days	Greys Reef Film Festival
Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron	Georgia State University
Georgia Association of Marine Educators (GAME) Conference	
Callawassie Island Ecology Club	Richmond Hill Market
Bluffton Seafood and Art Festival –2 days	St. Gregory School, HHI
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography Marine Science Day	Savannah Earth Day Festival
Numerous schools in the Atlanta area	Monroe High School
US Coast Guard Auxiliary—SAV	Philanthropy Organization
Stockbridge Girl Scouts	Sierra Club
Lake Joy Elementary, Warner Robbins	

Some of the upcoming 2014 events....

Milledgeville Rotary, Lady's Island Garden Club, May Howard Science Night, Gould Elementary School Fair, OLLI-USCB, HHI Lunch Club, HHI Country Club, Richmond Hill Middle School.....

TDP VOLUNTEERS! THANK YOU!!!!

TDP is an ALL-VOLUNTEER organization. Without our volunteers we wouldn't exist. As we look forward to our 25th anniversary in 2014, we truly appreciate all that our people do to facilitate trainings, socials and education outreach and participate in research surveys.

EDUCATION OUTREACH, SOCIALS, COMMITTEES & TRAININGS:

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Pat McGuire	Joni Chastain	Linda Goodwin	Erika Archibald
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Becky Richardson	Lyn Foster	Allie Bieliauskas	Maryanne Jashinske
Molly Hall Nagy	Catrina Dickinson		

My sincere gratitude for all of you who give of your time and resources to make TDP a success. If your name should be on the list and is not, please forgive me. I've been caring for my 91 y/o father who is ill in North Georgia and I may not have all the appropriate files with me.

Thank you, Peach

TDP Board members...

Deep appreciation to all of our Board members for their time, efforts, expertise and advice. Lucy Robinson, George Scuorzo and Donna Calendine are leaving their posts at the end of this year. They will all remain active in various aspects of TDP.

We welcome Tom Workman and Ron Sattelle on TDP Board.

Tom and his wife Sandy have been active in TDP for several years with outreach and surveys. They will assume the responsibility for the Membership database after the first of the year.

Ron Sattelle and his wife Gerry are relatively new to TDP but are already involved in education outreach and research surveys. Ron is eager to rally skippers and new members for TDP.



Above.
Sandy and Tom Workman
at the Chattahoochee
Nature Center Earth Day
Festival



Left
Ron and Gerry Sattelle on a
research survey in
Richmond Hill

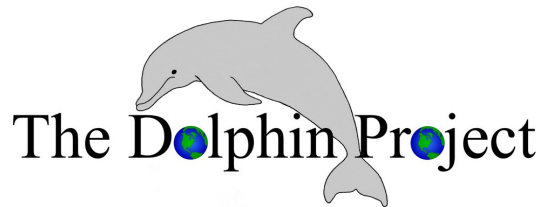
2014 Officers will be voted upon by Board members after the holidays.

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