



## **WORLD OCEAN WEEKEND RETURNS JUNE 5-JUNE 6**

*Celebrate the ocean and the animals that call it home*

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TACOMA, Wash.—Dive in to experience the ocean life at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium on June 5 and June 6 as we celebrate World Ocean Weekend. See aquarists dive, feed and care for animals at the Pacific Seas Aquarium and South Pacific Aquarium.

Water-loving animals like polar bears, sea turtles, penguins, otters and sea lions will enjoy tasty treats and water themed enrichments throughout the weekend (at unscheduled times to avoid crowding). Watch as senior polar bear Blizzard gets yummy ice treats, the sea otters enjoy otter pops, and the sea lions and penguins play with special enrichment toys created just for them.

Many of the animals in our aquariums are threatened in the wild, facing threats like plastic pollution, chemicals, oil, overfishing and acidification. But, we can help. As you gaze in wonder at the sharks and eagle rays, dozens of fish or glowing jellyfish, learn how you can protect our oceans.

When: June 5 and June 6, 9:30am-5pm

Price: Free with admission or membership to the Zoo

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*Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only combined zoo and aquarium, practices and promotes responsible stewardship of the world's resources through education, conservation, research and recreational opportunities. The zoo, a division of Metro Parks Tacoma, is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA).*

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