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Clearwater Marine Aquarium “Making Waves” Speaker Series: Cutting through Conservation Issues

- Free educational seminar on Thursday, July 21st
- Featured Speaker: Dr. Gregg Poulakis
- Topic: Local fish populations and environmental threats

Clearwater, FL (July 8, 2016) –Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) will feature Dr. Gregg Poulakis and his research regarding stingrays and sawfish during the July session of the free Making Waves Speaker Series.

Dr. Gregg Poulakis earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences at State University of New York at Oswego, his M.S. in Marine Biology at Florida Tech, and his Ph.D. in Oceanography at Florida Tech. He has worked at the Charlotte Harbor Field Laboratory of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission since 1997. Dr. Poulakis is currently researching smalltooth sawfish and cownose rays. Little was known about the smalltooth sawfish before its population declined. Dr. Poulakis’s research is crucial to developing management strategies for the recovery of the species.

This free speaker series is geared toward anyone wanting to learn more about marine life and conservation and is open to guests of all ages. To learn more about upcoming sessions, visit our website here:

<http://www.seewinter.com/educate/educational-events/making-waves-speaker-series>

6.00pm	Welcome and refreshments provided by Costco Wholesale
6.30 – 7.30pm	CMA featured speaker, Dr. Gregg Poulakis
7.30 – 8.00pm	Q & A session

Location: Clearwater Marine Aquarium
249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, FL

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin’s story of survival, after the injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, Dolphin Tale, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, Dolphin Tale 2, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people’s lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.

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