

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Clearwater Marine Aquarium Final "Making Waves" Speaker Series Session for 2015

- Free educational seminar on Thursday, November 19
- Topic: Manatee Rescue and Rehabilitation

**Clearwater, FL (November 17, 2015)** – Clearwater Marine Aquarium continues its free Making Waves speaker series Thursday, November 19 with Dr. Michael Walsh, Co-Director of Aquatic Animal Health at the University of Florida.

In celebration of Manatee Awareness Month, CMA will devote our last session for the year to these iconic Floridian mammals. With over 30 years of experience in the field, Dr. Walsh will immerse attendees into the world of manatee rescue and rehabilitation. A University of Missouri graduate, Dr. Walsh has played an integral role in the development of care techniques for these lovable creatures. His informative session is a must-see for any manatee fan.

This free speaker series is geared toward anyone wanting to learn more about marine life and conservation and is open to all ages.

6.00pm Welcome and refreshments provided by Costco Wholesale

6.30 – 7.30pm Guest speaker, Dr. Michael Walsh

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.