

MEDIA ALERT

Nicholas the Dolphin picks Patriots to Win Super Bowl

Previously Picked Clemson to win the FBS Championship

Clearwater, FL (February 4, 2017) – Fresh off his accurate pick of underdog Clemson to win the FBS National Championship, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's (CMA) rescued dolphin Nicholas picked the New England Patriots to win Sunday's Super Bowl game. Nicholas, a rescued dolphin who appeared in each of the *Dolphin Tale* movies along with Winter the dolphin, was given the opportunity to retrieve either a Falcons or Patriots football from his habitat. After much thought and in front of a packed audience and Facebook live feed, Nicholas opted for the Patriots' ball. The actual Facebook live video can be seen and downloaded from the following link: Nicholas Picks The Patriots.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a marine life rescue center located in beautiful Clearwater Beach, Florida. CMA's mission of recue, rehabilitation and release has become known around the world via the *Dolphin Tale* movies. Its most famous resident, Winter the dolphin, was rescued in 2005 from a crab trap entanglement, eventually lost her tail flukes, and was then fitted with a groundbreaking prosthetic tail, inspiring the story for the *Dolphin Tale* movies.

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescue dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter, the dolphin's story of survival after 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 marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release.