

## 100-Pound Endangered Sea Turtle Goes Home

Clearwater Marine Aquarium rescued, rehabilitated and released green sea turtle on Tuesday

Clearwater, FL (April 30, 2019) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) released Quinn, an endangered subadult green sea turtle, on Tuesday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, FL.

The sea turtle was rescued on Sunday, April 21 after being reported floating offshore near Homosassa in Citrus County. Quinn weighed in at one-hundred pounds upon arrival to CMA. Radiographs confirmed that air in Quinn's GI tract was causing the buoyancy issue. After spending some time in CMA's rehabilitation center, the extra air is now gone and Quinn is able to comfortably rest and eat in deeper water. Our veterinarian and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) cleared the sea turtle for release. CMA staff and volunteers released Quinn back home into the ocean on Tuesday.

## Additional media information:

- <u>Click here</u> to download video and photos.
- When: Tuesday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m.
- Where: Fred Howard Park | 1700 Sunset Dr., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
- For further information, contact Julia Anderson at janderson@cmaquarium.org or 727.686.3499

## **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 an injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. Major motion picture *Dolphin Tale* (2011) features Winter's story and its sequel *Dolphin Tale* 2 (2014) features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. Through Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute, CMA conducts important global research focused on protecting manatees, right whales and sea turtles. 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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