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PENGUIN CHICK HATCHES AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

The chick will leave the nursery to join her parents and siblings in the Aquarium's June Keyes Penguin Habitat on Tuesday, August 18. Be there when #LilyWaddles

WHAT: The Aquarium of the Pacific is announcing the birth of a female Magellanic Penguin chick named Lily. She will make her public debut and join the other penguins in the June Keyes Penguin Habitat on Tuesday, August 18. Members of the media are invited to watch as Lily goes on exhibit around 8:00 a.m., and the public can see her when the Aquarium opens that morning at 9:00 a.m.

Lily hatched on June 5 and represents the third generation of Aquarium-born penguins. Four penguins hatched in 2014 (Paddles, Jayde, Mattson, and Skipper) and two in 2013 (Heidi and Anderson). Roxy and Floyd are Lily's parents, and Heidi, Anderson, and Skipper are her siblings. Magellanic Penguin chicks are born with a downy layer of plumage that is not watertight. For safety reasons, the Aquarium's penguin chicks are taken after twenty-five days to a behind-the-scenes nursery until their down is replaced by watertight juvenile feathers, a process called fledging. The chick's sex was determined through a blood test around the time she fledged. During its time in the nursery, the chick learned to swim and to take hand-fed fish.

The public can help support the nonprofit's new penguin chick through the Adopt an Animal program. People who adopt a chick at the \$50 level or above will be entered into an opportunity drawing for a penguin encounter and a one-of-a-kind painting by a penguin chick. For details, visit aquariumofpacific.org/adopt.

Magellanic Penguins are a temperate species native to the coasts of Argentina and Chile in South America. It takes between 38 and 43 days of incubation before a Magellanic Penguin egg will hatch. The parents take turns incubating the eggs and feeding the chicks after they hatch.

WHEN: On exhibit starting **Tuesday, August 18, 2015** - Media opportunity at 8:00 a.m. / Aquarium opens to public at 9:00 a.m. See all the coverage with the hashtag #LilyWaddles

RSVP: To RSVP for the media opportunity to watch as the new chick goes on exhibit, please contact Claire Atkinson at catkinson@lbaop.org

WHERE: **Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802**

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AQUARIUM: The nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific is a community gathering place where diverse cultures and the arts are celebrated and where important challenges facing our planet are explored by scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders in search of sustainable solutions. The Aquarium is dedicated to conserving and building nature and nature's services by building the interactions between and among peoples. Home to more than 11,000 animals, Aquarium exhibits include the June Keyes Penguin Habitat, Ocean Science Center, Molina Animal Care Center, the interactive Shark Lagoon and Lorikeet Forest exhibits, and the new *Jellies* exhibits. Beyond its animal exhibits, the Aquarium offers educational programs for people of all ages, from hands-on activities to lectures by leading scientists. The Aquarium has won a 2015 Travelers' Choice Award for Aquariums, as awarded by TripAdvisor® travelers. The Aquarium offers memberships with unlimited FREE admission for 12 months, VIP Entrance, and other special benefits. For more information, visit www.aquariumofpacific.org or call 562-590-3100.



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