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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC WELCOMES NEW SEA LIONS HARPO & MILO TO THE SEAL & SEA LION HABITAT

March 20, 2008, Long Beach, Calif.—The Aquarium of the Pacific has welcomed two almost two-year-old California sea lions, Harpo and Milo, to its Seal & Sea Lion Habitat. The two sea lions arrived at the Aquarium in June 2007 and remained in the behind-the-scenes holding area required for all new animals coming into the Aquarium. During this period, the animals learned basic behaviors that allow the Aquarium's mammal biologists to provide health care for the animals, including checking the animals' flippers, mouth, ears, and eyes.

The older of the two seal lions, Milo, was born in May 2006 at another aquarium and had to be hand raised by animal husbandry specialists due to his mother not caring for him at birth. With the care of the specialists, Milo quickly began to accept bottle feeding and within months was weaned onto fish. Harpo was born a month after Milo and has been very close with Milo even before their trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Harpo is a very active and playful sea lion who enjoys interacting with his trainers. For someone unfamiliar with their personalities, it would be very difficult to tell the difference between these two as both of them have a very dark slick coat of fur. Like most of the Aquarium's seals and sea lions, herring and capelin are their favorite foods.

The public can now meet Harpo and Milo along with their six other pinniped friends at the Seal and Sea Lion Habitat at the Aquarium. Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, celebrates our planet's largest body of water: the Pacific Ocean. Home to over 12,500 animals, the Aquarium is dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems. Located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach, the Aquarium is open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (except December 25, 2008 and during the Grand Prix in Long Beach April 18 -20, 2008). Admission is \$20.95 adult (12+), \$17.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members. A world of discovery awaits. For more info, the public can call 562-590-3100 or visit www.aquariumofpacific.org.

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