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GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON OUR OCEANS, COASTS & WEATHER
DURING “NOAA AND OUR PLANET” DAY
AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC ON NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Learn about current climate predictions, sustainable seafood, marine mammal conservation, deep sea exploration, & more with exhibits, films, & interactives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- WHAT:** Did you ever wonder what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is and what it does for you? The public is invited to visit the Aquarium of the Pacific on November 15th, 2008 for “NOAA and Our Planet” day to learn how this national agency protects our oceans and coasts and monitors our weather. Tour a NOAA research vessel, view science on a sphere, ask NOAA scuba divers questions, interact with the science zone, view award winning NOAA films, enjoy a puppet show on ocean conservation, learn how NOAA protects ocean life, and get the facts on climate change. **Meet special guests Robert Wyland and Ray Troll, world-famous marine life artists. All NOAA activities start at 9am and are free with general admission.**
- WHEN:** **Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- WHERE:** Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802
- COST:** **Included with general Aquarium admission, \$20.95 adult (12+), \$17.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free to children under age 3 and Aquarium members**
- INFO:** 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org
- NOAA:** NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is dedicated to understanding and predicting changes in the Earth’s environment and conserving and managing coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation’s economic, social, and environmental needs.
(www.noaa.gov)
- AQUARIUM:** The Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, is dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems. Home to over 12,500 animals, the Aquarium features a variety of programs both on and off-site to engage the public in ocean conservation and environmental education, including Aquarium on Wheels outreach programs for low-income inner city schools and cleanups efforts to help wildlife. The Aquarium of the Pacific is one of the top aquariums in the nation and is ranked in the top two Los Angeles cultural attractions. The Aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (closed Dec. 25, 2008 and in April for the Grand Prix).

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