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1ST MALE HARBOR SEAL PUP BORN AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC TO GO ON EXHIBIT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

**Aquarium of the Pacific is inviting media to watch as the Aquarium's biologists
move the seal pup into the Seal & Sea Lion Habitat**

WHAT: The first male seal pup born at the Aquarium of the Pacific will be going on exhibit soon. Members of the media are invited to watch as the pup joins the other seals and sea lions and explores his new home for the first time on Wednesday, August 14, at 8:15 a.m. The public can see the pup on exhibit starting at 9:00 a.m. that morning in the Aquarium's Seal and Sea Lion Habitat.

The Aquarium is also announcing the name of its male pup and the winner of the naming contest. People who participated in the Aquarium's [Adopt an Animal](#) fundraising program this summer had the chance to suggest names, and Aquarium biologists narrowed it down to one name. Eight-year-old Lola Castorina from Los Angeles participated in the Adopt an Animal program and named the new seal pup Toby.

Last year the Aquarium's harbor seals Shelby and Troy gave birth to their first pup, a female named Bixby. They excited the staff once again this year with the birth of Toby on May 1, 2013. Three-month-old Toby has been growing behind the scenes and has put on over thirty pounds since he was born. He now weighs about 70 pounds.

Toby's mother Shelby came to the Aquarium in 1998. His father Troy came to the Aquarium in 2007 and was the Aquarium's only male harbor seal until the birth of his son. Female harbor seals typically give birth to young starting at four to five years of age. Shelby is seventeen years old, and Toby is her second pup.

WHEN: **Media: Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 8:15 a.m. / Check-in at Aquarium's Members Entrance**
Public Debut: Wednesday, August 14, 2013, starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

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PUBLIC: Starting August 14, the public can see the first male seal born at the Aquarium of the Pacific. He will be on display in the Seal & Sea Lion Habitat. The Aquarium is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily and until 8:30 p.m. during Discounted Late Nights (viewing is best during daylight hours). Aquarium admission is \$25.95 for adults 12+, \$22.95 for seniors 62+, \$14.95 per child (ages 3-11), and free to Aquarium members and children under age three. Admission during Discounted Late Nights is \$14.95 per person from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (on August 14-15, 18, 21-23, 25-29, 31 and September 1, 2013). For more information, visit www.aquariumofpacific.org or call (562) 590-3100.

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