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Clearwater Marine Aquarium is pleased to announce the release of Ice-T, one of the Gulf Coast resident Loggerhead turtles and the first of 2014 .

Clearwater, FL (January 11, 2014) –At 11:30 on Monday morning, January 13th, the staff and volunteers of CMA’s turtle department will be loading Ice-T up, and heading to the Palm Pavilion (10 Bay Esplanade) on Clearwater Beach to release her back into the Gulf of Mexico!

Ice-T joined the rehabilitation facility at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium on August 4th, 2013. After receiving a call about a sub-adult loggerhead sea turtle on Madeira Beach, CMA’s Rescue Team responded to recover her. When Ice-T arrived at the aquarium for her initial work-up, she was covered with algae and large barnacles. She was alert, but very lethargic. After routine blood work and a CT scan it was determined that she had severe pneumonia, as well as battling a fungal infection. During her rehabilitation, it was found that she was a very picky eater preferring only to squid and shrimp. As her health improved the CMA staff would catch live crab and offer them to her. Ice-T proved that she was still a great hunter and was well on her way back to good health.

On December 10th, 2013, Ice-T underwent her final check-up and was cleared to be released on January 8, 2014 by the aquarium’s veterinarian, Dr. Walsh.

Weighing in at just over 100 pounds, this beautiful girl will be missed by all who have cared for her. Please join us as we wish her farewell with the hopes we will see her return one of these days to a nesting spot on one of our beaches.

About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Clearwater Marine Aquarium’s mission is to preserve marine life and the environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release.

CMA is home to dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin’s story of survival and inspiration has touched millions of people around the world. A movie, *Dolphin Tale*, about her life story was a #1 box office hit in theaters, and is now available in DVD. Produced by Warner Bros.-based Alcon Entertainment, *Dolphin Tale* stars Morgan Freeman, Harry Connick, Jr., and Ashley Judd. Her documentary, “Winter: The Dolphin that Could,” is available at

www.SeeWinter.com. The documentary takes viewers on an extraordinary journey through her rescue, fight to stay alive and extensive rehabilitation. Scholastic published *Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again* in October 2009.