



## CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

# MEDIA ALERT

## Rescued Young Dolphin Receiving Medical Care at Clearwater Marine Aquarium

**Clearwater, FL (July 7, 2014)** – A dolphin calf was rescued over the weekend on Redington Beach, Florida and is currently receiving medical care at Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Beachgoers noticed a small young dolphin struggling ashore on July 4. Clearwater Marine Aquarium assisted FWC to rescue the animal, a 4 foot female dolphin calf, weak and malnourished.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium is currently working around the clock to stabilize the animal and provide medical care and fluids to keep her hydrated. The dolphin has been identified as an Atlantic Spotted dolphin.

Upon arrival to CMA on July 4, the dolphin did not have much strength and could not swim on her own. After 48 hours of high quality medical care, she was considerably more alert and able to swim on her own for a few minutes at a time. The animal is still fragile and continues to receive fluids every few hours to provide nourishment. It is believed that, based on weight, the young calf was without her mother for approximately one week.

“The medical team is pleased with the progress thus far but there are several unknowns as we continue rehabilitation and treatment,” stated David Yates, CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium. “We are monitoring the animal 24/7 because she is still in critical condition. We are supporting her while she is swimming and monitoring her with a team of dedicated staff and volunteers. We want to thank the bystanders who reported the stranding to FWC for taking appropriate action, as stranded marine life are generally ill or injured and need immediate medical attention.”

Note: Video footage is available by contacting Amy Binder at [abinder@cmaquarium.org](mailto:abinder@cmaquarium.org)

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### 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. The movie *Dolphin Tale*, about her life story, was a #1 box office hit in theaters, and is available on DVD. Produced by Warner Bros.-based Alcon Entertainment, *Dolphin Tale* stars Morgan Freeman, Harry Connick, Jr., and Ashley Judd. The sequel *Dolphin Tale 2* is currently in production and scheduled for a September 12, 2014 North American release. Her documentary, *Winter, the Dolphin That Can*, is available at [www.SeeWinter.com](http://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.

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