



CLEARWATER MARINE
AQUARIUM

13 August 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the attending veterinarian for Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) which houses the current resident population of three bottlenose dolphins and two rough-toothed dolphins. CMA is applying for a permit to import five dolphins from Attica Park Zoo.

I have been in consultation with Dr. Monreal Pawlowsky and Robert Gojceta, who will be responsible for providing veterinary and husbandry care during transport of the proposed animals. CMA has a written Transport Protocol for all live animal transfers to ensure compliance with regulations and address contingencies. All aspects of the transport will be in alignment with best practices and adhere to IATA, CITES and the Animal Welfare Act.

The proposed animals will be housed in the Stone Dolphin Complex which is a 1.5 million gallon, five pool system opened in 2020. The central medical pool is a 40 ft round with a false bottom floor to aid in procedures along with a hoist to move animals if required. The Dolphin complex also has a separate poolside medical room for dry procedures. The veterinary staff is proficient in cetacean medical care and maintains a full suite of diagnostic equipment with an in house laboratory. The animal care staff has decades of experience caring for non-releasable cetaceans.

Responsibility will transfer to the CMA veterinary and animal care staff once animals are placed in the Dolphin Complex. After a period of acclimation, the dolphins will join our current resident dolphins. All animals under our care will receive individualized husbandry and medical attention that maximizes their welfare and well-being. Our facilities and practices fully comply with Animal Welfare Act (AWA) standards, ensuring the highest level of care, ethical treatment, and a commitment to their overall well-being

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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WE BELIEVE in preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release.

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Re: Application to Transfer Marine Mammals to Clearwater Marine Aquarium

11th of March 2024

To whom it may concern:

I am the attending veterinarian for the five bottlenose dolphins and two California sea lions proposed to be transferred from Attica Park Zoo in Spata, Greece to Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) in Clearwater, Florida, U.S.A. I will be responsible for the veterinary supervision of these marine mammals throughout loading, ground and air transport, and unloading. Robert Gojceta, Marine Mammal Curator of Attica Park, has overall responsibility for the transport. Responsibility for the animals will shift to CMA's lead veterinarian and care team upon placement of the animals in their new habitat.

Transport

The transport will rely on well-established best professional practices, including those set forth in the Standards and Guidelines of the European Association for Aquatic Mammals (rev 2019), and will be in compliance with applicable standards and requirements of the IATA Live Animal Regulations for the species concerned, and the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Animals and Plants. CMA will prepare a written Transport Protocol based on these methods and ensure that the transport is in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Animal Welfare Act.

The transport will be undertaken with equipment for marine mammals and will be supported by a team of experienced professionals on the ground and in the air. Equipment and materials will be available to meet unexpected or emergent situations.

Facilities and Care

CMA has modern facilities that meet the health and welfare requirements for dolphins. These facilities, which include multiple interconnecting pools, medical and quarantine pools, and a 40' round lifting platform, have been personally inspected by Attica Park Zoo's Marine Mammal Curator. It is my understanding that a new exhibit space is under construction for the California sea lions.

CMA has long-standing experience with housing and caring for rescued marine mammals. Evidence of its qualifications includes its recent accreditation by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. I also have been informed that CMA currently holds a USDA exhibitor license under the U.S. Animal Welfare Act for the marine mammal species it houses.

In closing, the transport is planned to be carried out in accordance with best professional practice and applicable law. I am confident that CMA has the facilities and know-how to properly house and care for these marine mammals following their transport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

Tania Monreal Pawlowsky, DVM
Zoo, Aquarium and Wildlife Veterinarian

