



Inspection Report

Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center
717 General Booth Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Customer ID: **1866**

Certificate: **52-C-0120**

Site: 001

VIRGINIA AQUARIUM & MARINE
SCIENCE CENTER

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 18-JAN-2024

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Facilities, outdoor.

The outdoor harbor seal facility is not fully enclosed by a perimeter fence. There is a semi-circular outdoor pool that houses four adult harbor seal. The seals have free access to the outdoor pool as well as an indoor pool accessible through the back (west side) of the exhibit throughout the day and night. The front (east side) of the outdoor pool is positioned toward the non-gated public entrance to the aquarium from the main road. There is no perimeter fence enclosing the harbor seal exhibit. Alternative security measures in place have not been approved by the APHIS Administrator.

Perimeter fences protect animals by deterring the entry of unauthorized people or animals.

Correct by installing a perimeter fence that is at least 6' tall, no less than 3 feet in distance from the enclosure housing animals and is constructed to effectively prevent the entry of unauthorized people or animals, or by requesting written approval for alternative measures from the Administrator. Temporary correction due by April 17, 2024, permanent correction due by July 18, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Vice President of Animal Care and the Attending Veterinarian.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

01-FEB-2024

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:

01-FEB-2024



Species Inspected

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1866	52-C-0120	001	VIRGINIA AQUARIUM & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER	18-JAN-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC
000001	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	AMERICAN CROW
000001	<i>Aythya americana</i>	REDHEAD
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000002	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	OSPREY / SEA HAWK

000017 **Total**