



Inspection Report

Theater Of The Sea Inc
84721 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

Customer ID: **3130**
Certificate: **58-C-0182**
Site: 001
THEATER OF THE SEA INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 14-JUL-2015

3.101(a)(3)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Excessive rust and large areas of missing paint and paint chipping were observed at multiple areas on the floating/walking platform located in the main dolphin show pool (this platform constitutes the western section of the enclosure). Outdoor housing facilities for marine mammals must be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from ingesting contaminants, physical injury and potential health problems. All surfaces in a primary enclosure must be maintained in good repair as part of a regular, ongoing maintenance program. The affected areas observed should be repaired/maintained as soon as possible ensuring the dolphins are protected from contaminants and debris while being corrected.

Correct by: January 14, 2016

3.103(b)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

All natural seawater pools at the facility were observed to have minimal or no shade for resident dolphins. Minimal shade for the comfort of the animals was provided by naturally growing mangroves. A 32 year old Atlantic bottlenose dolphin named "Stormy" was observed in his pool with sunscreen (zinc oxide) ointment applied on his head for sunlight protection and to prevent sunburn. The shade provided to "Stormy" by the small mangroves in his enclosure is inadequate. In order for "Stormy" to get away from the sun, he must seek shade by the small mangroves shallows and remain virtually motionless.

Additionally, the tarp material providing shade over the main California sea lion pool and enclosures was torn/ripped in several areas, creating a safety hazard for both animals and the public. This is due to deteriorating shade cloth and the possibility of it falling into the pool, and potentially entangling animals or allowing ingestion of the material. Local climatic conditions need to be taken into consideration when providing shelter and shade for all marine mammals kept outdoors. Appropriate shelter/shade needs to be provided to all marine mammals in order to protect them from the weather and from direct sunlight.

Complete by: August 14, 2015

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The facility's perimeter fence was found in need of repair along most of the northeast portions. There were several gaps and one large hole measuring approximately 12" x 24" inches under the fence. Two chain links gates that are part of the perimeter fence of the facility are damaged. One gate has a significant gap between the fence and gate that is large enough for unwanted animals or persons to pass through. The plastic fencing placed on top of extension arms was found to be damaged and bent along most of the perimeter fence and broken cable ties holding the plastic fencing to the chain link were found on the ground and hanging from the fence. Vegetation and small trees were observed growing within and above the chain-linked fence's foundation, compromising the integrity of the fence. Facilities must be enclosed by a sound perimeter fence so that it protects marine mammals by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it, over it, or under it and having contact with the marine mammals, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility when appropriate.

Correct by: January 14, 2016

3.107(c)

SANITATION.

A multitude of different objects (to include boats, trailers, construction equipment, building materials, cages, and others) were observed scattered throughout the facility grounds, mostly in non-exhibit areas, but in very close proximity to the perimeter fence. Housekeeping at the facility is paramount and needs to be performed to prevent potential infestations by pests/vermin and to ensure debris doesn't enter into the animal exhibits. Buildings and grounds, as well as exhibit areas, must be kept clean and in good repair.

Correct by: October 14, 2015

Exit interview conducted with a facility representative. Also present was Dr. Carolyn McKinnie, Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer.

Additional Inspectors

McKinnie Carolyn, Supervisory Animal Care Specialist

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000009	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
000005	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000016	Total	