



## Inspection Report

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Wildlife Conservation Society  
2300 Southern Boulevard  
Bronx, NY 10460

Customer ID: **2100**  
Certificate: **21-C-0020**  
Site: 002  
New York Aquarium

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION  
Date: 04-JAN-2023

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#### Separation.

The facility has had compatibility issues between two male sea lions, Osborn and Bruiser. Upon reviewing records, there were three instances of Osborn presenting with bite wounds between the dates of 8-June-2021 and 3-April-2022. After the event on 3-April-2022, staff changed their positioning when moving sea lions to eliminate the chances of bites through enclosure fencing while transferring between enclosures. On the night of 25-April-2022, Osborn and Bruiser were housed together overnight. These animals were placed together while maintenance was conducted on one of the main enclosures. On the morning of 26-April-2022, Osborn presented with a facial wound consistent with raking. At the time of this incident, trainers were aware of negative interactions between these animals and had procedures in place to distract Bruiser with enrichment items so Osborn could drink fresh water. It was determined at this point that these two animals were incompatible to be housed together. Animals not compatible with each other may cause mild to serious injury and cause undue stress on the animals.

Marine mammals that are not compatible must not be housed in the same enclosure. The facility must not house incompatible groups of sea lions together in the same enclosure.

To remain corrected from this day forward.

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This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections or by 7-March-2023 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

Additional Inspectors:

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2100	21-C-0020	002	New York Aquarium	04-JAN-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000008	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL
000012	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000002	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>	SEA OTTER
000022	<b>Total</b>	