

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Gulf World Marine Park Inc 15412 Front Beach Road Panama City Beach, FL 32413 Customer ID: 324287

Certificate: 58-C-0992

Site: 001

GULF WORLD MARINE PARK

INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 06-MAY-2024

3.101(a)(1) Repeat

Facilities, general.

- **Sections of the wall at the water level in the outdoor holding pool for sea lions has paint that is actively chipping. This chipped paint can enter the water and impact the water quality or become an ingestion hazard to the sea lions.
- **Along the far wall of the sea lion show pool, there is rust coming through the wall and running down the wall and into the water. This section of the wall must be addressed to protect the water quality and keep the pool in good repair.
- **There is cracked and broken concrete on the stage where the dolphins are being asked to, "slide out" onto the stage during the show. Damaged concrete with rough edges can easily cause skin abrasions to the dolphins. These areas of concrete must be maintained in good repair to protect the animals when they are asked behaviorally to come out of the water onto the stage.

Facilities where animals are housed must be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury.

3.103(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

There is no shade provided over multiple dolphin pools or over the main show stage where the dolphins station for food during training sessions with trainers. The lack of shade makes it necessary for the dolphins to bring their heads up out of the water and feed directly facing the sunlight during the show and during guest interaction programs. Direct sunlight can be uncomfortable for the animals and excessive exposure to sunlight has been linked to the development of eye abnormalities in captive marine mammals. Several of the dolphins are currently on eye medications and their conditions could be attributed to lack of shade and direct exposure to sunlight.

Steps should be taken to provide shade for marine mammals when they are being asked to interact with the trainers, while holding their heads out of the water for training session or guest interactions, to avoid looking up into the sun. The facility must provide the animals protection from direct sunlight for their health and wellbeing.

Correct by: May 24, 2024

3.150(c)(2)

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Multiple metal bolts towards the bottom of the vertical support beams that go around the outside of the penguin habitat are rusted. Some of the rusted bolts are actively flaking rust which can be a hazard if the rust impacts the water quality or can potentially impact the integrity of the vertical beams. These rusted bolts need to be replaced to keep the area in good repair for the safety of the penguins.

Correct by: May 30, 2024

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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324287	58-C-0992	001	GULF WORLD MARINE PARK INC	06-MAY-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	Felis catus	CAT ADULT
000002	Tursiops truncatus	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
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000004	Steno bredanensis	ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHIN
000004	Zalophus californianus	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000003	Phoca vitulina	HARBOR SEAL
000004	Spheniscus demersus	AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN
000002	Ara chloropterus	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW
000001	Cacatua moluccensis	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000002	Psittacus erithacus	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000003	Ara ararauna	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittac spp hybrid	^a MACAW HYBRID
000002	Thectocercus acuticaudatus	BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET
000001	Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus	HYACINTH MACAW
000001	Ara militaris	MILITARY MACAW
000002	Amazona oratrix	YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON
000001	Eolophus roseicapilla	GALAH / ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO / ROSEATE COCKATOO
000001	Corvus albus	PIED CROW
000040	Total	