



Inspection Report

North Carolina Aquariums Division
900 Loggerhead Rd
C/O NC Aquarium At Fort Fisher
Kure Beach, NC 28449

Customer ID: **335159**
Certificate: **55-C-0301**
Site: 003
NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-SEP-2024

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Handling of animals.

A child was observed standing on the top board of the approximately 4' high primary enclosure fence that overlooks the non-flighted bald eagle's enclosure. No measures were in place to prevent the child from falling into the enclosure or throwing things at the animal. There was no adequate barrier preventing contact between the bald eagle and the public and no attendant was present. Per the regulations, during public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public. Correct by 31Oct2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000001	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000011	Total	