



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: 11-JUL-2024

3.101(a)(1)

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Facilities, general.

***The main sea lion stadium pool and back holding pools are in disrepair throughout the area. The shade structure over the public seating area is deteriorating. The staff reports that pieces of the structure fall and, "get wind-blown" into the sea lion main show pool. There is still evidence of rust coming through the wall and running down into the water of the main show pool which can impact water quality. The back wall along the stage is in disrepair with sections of wood broken and paint chipping. Lastly, there are still large sections where paint is actively chipping off the walls along the water line in the sea lion holding pools which can impact the water quality or become an ingestion hazard to the sea lions.

*** There is still 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 the 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.

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Facilities, outdoor.

There is still no shade provided over multiple dolphin pools or the over the main show stage where the dolphins station for food during training sessions with the trainers or during public guest interactions. 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 including, "Gus", "Turk" and "Nate" are still on daily eye medications and their conditions could be attributed to the lack of shade and direct exposure to sunlight.

While the facility has a plan to purchase and incorporate shade cloth over the main stage and back pools, in the interim, steps still need to 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 sessions 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.

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

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000012	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
000004	<i>Steno bredanensis</i>	ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHIN
000004	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000003	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL
000004	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN
000002	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000002	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000003	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>	MACAW HYBRID
000002	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudatus</i>	BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET
000001	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>	HYACINTH MACAW
000001	<i>Ara militaris</i>	MILITARY MACAW
000002	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>	YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON
000001	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>	GALAH / ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO / ROSEATE COCKATOO
000001	<i>Corvus albus</i>	PIED CROW
000046	Total	