



## NEWS RELEASE

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### CHANGING TIDES

#### *Atlantis Marine World Opens New Tidal Marsh Exhibit.*

Atlantis Marine World will open its newest exhibit, *Tidal Marsh*, on Saturday, February 16.

The 3,000-gallon saltwater tank will be home to close to 30 different animal and plant species, all of which will be locally collected by Aquarium biologists.

"Nearly 70% of Long Island's salt marshes have been destroyed since the early 1900s," explains Education Director Eileen Gerle. "It's clear we need to preserve our remaining salt marshes."

*Tidal Marsh* will also feature an interactive fiddler crab burrow where kids are able to climb through a tunnel and pop up with hundreds of fiddler crabs surrounding them. The exhibit will also feature a video time-lapse of a 24-hour tidal cycle, as well as, a twice-daily water level change.

*Tidal Marsh* is located in the first hall of the Aquarium and is available for viewing during regular Aquarium hours of 10:00am to 5:00pm. The exhibit will also be included in the Daily Lecture Schedule at 11:30am and 1:30pm (*all times subject to change*).

The exhibit launch kicks off President's Week school break (February 16 through February 24). Live Reptile Encounters are planned for each day during the break at 1:00pm. Guests will also be able to visit with Priceless Parrot Preserve from February 18 through February 24 to learn about and interact with these endangered animals.

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#### ABOUT ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD AQUARIUM

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) opened in Riverhead, NY on June 15, 2000, as the first large-scale Aquarium to open in New York State in more than 35 years. Themed around the "Lost City of Atlantis," AMW blends science and nature with myth, inviting visitors to explore its inhabitants while discovering the Lost City. Today, nearly two million people have visited the Aquarium, enjoying its interactive exhibits. AMW is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center. Additional information can be found at [www.atlantismarineworld.com](http://www.atlantismarineworld.com).

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