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PACKING FOR PORTLAND!

Noted Aquarium Curator to Speak at Annual AZA Conference.

Joe Yaiullo, curator and co-founder of Atlantis Marine World Aquarium in Riverhead, NY, has been invited to speak at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Annual Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon in September 2009.

After his selection at this year's Regional Aquatics Workshop (RAW) as Best of RAW speaker for his presentation, "Foam Fractionators: Build 'em Big, Build 'em Small, and Keep the Cost Down Most of All," Yaiullo was invited to speak at the annual event by the Association's Chair of its Board of Directors, Brad Andrews.

"This is a great opportunity for Atlantis Marine World to be a part of the changing tide of the Conference and assisting me and the AZA in creating a higher, national profile for aquarium members and institutions," says Andrews. "I look forward to seeing Joe and your institution represented at this year's conference."

The AZA's Annual Conference, the premier event for zoo and aquarium professionals, brings together leaders in the community for six days of networking, exploration of new ideas and best practices, sharing of successful programs, and learning about new technology, products, and services.

Since Atlantis Marine World Aquarium's opening in 2000, Yaiullo has shared his extensive knowledge of corals, as well as his surplus of the living pieces, more than 20 times to a variety of Aquariums around the world. "I have been working with corals for over 20 years," explains Yaiullo. "Back then, it was a challenge just to keep them alive; now, I take great pleasure in growing and sharing a wide variety of corals with Aquarists and Aquariums around the world."

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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. Situated on 3.2 acres along the Peconic River, AMW is open from 10:00am to 5:00pm daily (closed December 25). General Admission Rates are \$18.50 (plus tax) for Children 3 - 17 and Seniors 62+; \$21.50 (plus tax) for Adults 18 - 61; Children 2 and under are always free at AMW. 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. Atlantis Marine World was recently ranked by *Parents Magazine* as one of the "Top Aquariums for Kids." Additional information can be found at www.atlantismarineworld.com.

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