



NEWS RELEASE

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Endangered Sea Turtles Going Back to the Wild

What: Miami Seaquarium will be releasing three endangered sea turtles back into their natural habitat. The endangered three are 'Boca' and 'Lil Trooper' the Green sea turtles, and 'Hary' the Hawksbill sea turtle. The sea turtles were rescued, and rehabilitated by Miami Seaquarium and are currently ready to be returned to the wild.

When: Animal loading will begin at **9:00am at Miami Seaquarium**. Media advised to arrive by 08:45am at the park and go through the gate to the right of the main entrance. In an effort to educate students of the importance of wildlife preservation, Miami Seaquarium will offer a first hand look at endangered sea turtle rehabilitation and release. Winter Campers from Miami Seaquarium will accompany animal care staff throughout the animal loading process while receiving an interactive lecture from distinguished Miami Seaquarium veterinarian Dr. Maya Rodriguez Menchaca Rodriguez. Once the sea turtles are loaded, we will depart from the park promptly. Media is welcome to follow the sea turtles to the drop off area. Sea Turtles 'Boca', and 'Hary' will be released in the Boca Raton area, while Lil' Trooper will be released in the Jupiter area. Please contact Public Relations Carolina Perrina at 305-365-2525 to schedule your media crew.

Who: 'Boca', 'Hary', and 'Lil Trooper' background:

Green Sea turtle 'Boca' was rescued on 11.21.07 with a shell injury caused by a possible boat strike. The injury rendered 'Boca' abnormally buoyant on her left side. 'Boca' is currently rehabilitated and ready to go back to the wild. 'Hary' the Hawksbill sea turtle was rescued on 5.2.07 from the Boca Raton area and was severely emaciated at rescue. 'Lil Trooper' is a victim of a shark attack, which caused the loss of her left front flipper, and was rescued on 5.26.07. All three endangered sea turtles are fully recovered and ready to go back into the wild.