

Media Advisory

Photo Opportunity

After an Exceptionally Busy Rescue Year Miami Seaquarium will Release Loggerhead Sea Turtles 'Juno' and 'Large Marge'

WHO: Miami Seaquarium staff, 'Juno' and 'Large Marge' the loggerhead sea turtles.

WHAT: After the busiest rescue and release year Miami Seaquarium has seen in the past decade, two of the last turtles for 2007 will get to roam free once again. "Counting 'Juno' and 'Large Marge' we have released 16 sea turtles into the wild this past year. We usually release about 7 a year, this is more than double, and counting," said Danny Munoz, Animal Care Supervisor at Miami Seaquarium.

'Large Marge' the sea turtle was rescued off Boca Raton on April 11th, 2007. The large female was severely emaciated and was spotted by a concerned citizen on his boat. The female now weighs the 150 pounds that rendered her name. "We love it when concerned citizens call us for rescues and later follow up. The gentleman who spotted 'Large Marge' has followed up with her recovery every step of the way. We love it when that happens, it makes us feel they care," said Jodi Linvill, Animal care supervisor at Miami Seaquarium.

'Juno' the sea turtle was rescued north off the Juno Beach pier on June 2nd, 2007. The female was treated with antibiotics for the several lacerations to her head and neck. Both young adult sea turtles were administered around the clock care by Miami Seaquarium staff and are currently ready to be returned to the wild. "It's great to be able to help these threatened species during this exceptionally busy rescue year," said Dr. Maya Menchaca, Miami Seaquarium veterinarian.

WHEN: **Friday October 12th, 2007**
*Animal loading at Miami Seaquarium will begin at 8:20am.
*Animal release at Bill Baggs will begin at 9:00am

WHERE: Miami Seaquarium (Right side of the park.)
4400 Rickenbacker Cswy
Miami, FL 33149
***Media will have opportunity to go down to Bill Baggs for the release.**

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