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SEA LIFE PARK ADOPTS NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

WAIMĀNALO, O'AHU, HAWAII (Sept. 25, 2015) – The marine mammal family at Sea Life Park is pleased to welcome three new members. The animals were previously part of the University of Hawaii's research facility at Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay.

Kina (40 years old, *Pseudorca crassidens*), Boris (26, *Tursiops truncatus, Atlantic*), and BJ (29, *Tursiops truncatus Atlantic*), are special additions to the rich, marine mammal environment at Sea Life Park, and are acclimating to their new home. The animals were transferred to Sea Life Park in August, after the park and the University of Hawaii determined it would be the best facility for the mammals' future. Sea Life Park features world-class animal care, training and veterinary staff, with premiere facilities located on one of the most picturesque spots in the world.

"We're delighted to welcome these three wonderful mammals to our facility," said Jeff Pawloski, Sea Life Park's curator. "They have been the subjects of important research by UH scientists, and we're looking forward to getting to know them better, and integrating them with our other marine mammals."

The marine mammals were previously a part of wide-ranging and comprehensive research studies into echolocation and biosonar proclivities that have been published in numerous scientific journals. As part of the agreement between Sea Life Park and the University, UH researchers will continue to work with the three dolphins in their new home.

For more information, contact Sea Life Park at (808) 259-2500, or visit the park's website at www.sealifeparkhawaii.com.

About Sea Life Park Hawai'i

Sea Life Park Hawai'i is not only a fascinating visitor attraction, it is a repository of knowledge, a refuge and a habitat for some of Hawai'i's most important and beloved sea creatures. Located north of Hanauma Bay, Sea Life Park Hawai'i features a beautifully designed park with reefs, lagoons, pools, and theaters. Both adults and children can take part in thrilling water activities and exhilarating encounters with marine mammals. The park is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$29.99 for adults and \$19.99 for children ages 3-12. Kama'aina rates are available. For information, visit the Park's website at www.sealifeparkhawaii.com or call (808) 259-2500.

Sea Life Park is a member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and is owned and operated by Palace Entertainment.

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