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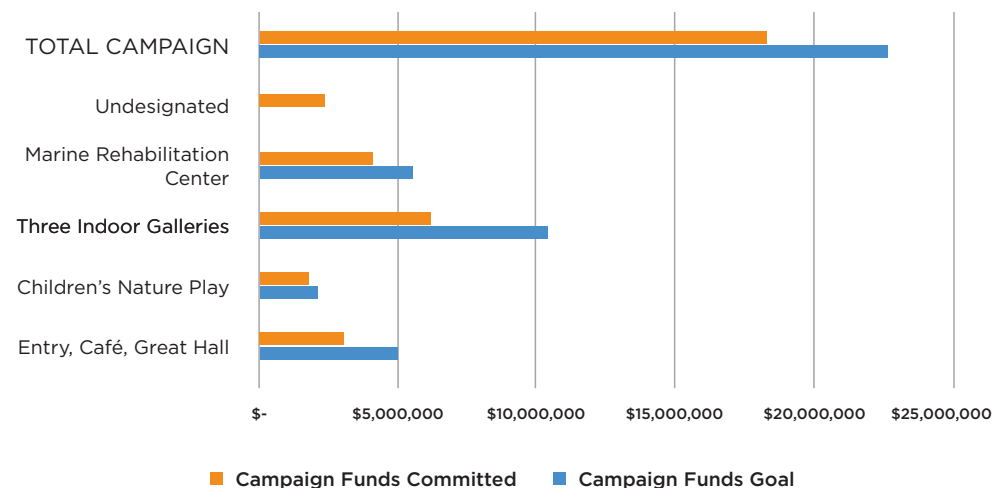
The Aquarium was able to resume our capital campaign projects, thanks to contributions from grantors and individual donors who met a \$500K challenge grant from the Marcia H. Randall Foundation to continue Phase I renovation and improvements. This summer we broke ground on the new Children's Nature Play Area, and will continue with the outdoor amphitheater and headwaters feature. Remodeling of the Entry building's great hall, coffee bistro and moon jelly exhibit will run from September through April.

This year, the Aquarium received its largest gift ever – a \$5M grant from the Roundhouse Foundation to complete Phase I (\$1M) and construct a new Marine Rehabilitation Center in Phase III (\$4M). The Aquarium is one of three facilities in the Pacific Northwest authorized to provide critical care to endangered marine wildlife. The construction of a new rehabilitation center will allow us to increase our capacity for marine wildlife rescue, improve rehabilitation efforts, and create opportunities for learning.

Governor Kate Brown and the State legislature approved a \$5M appropriation from their lottery bond revenue, funding half of the campaign's Phase II. This will enable construction to continue immediately after Phase I's expected completion of April 2022 to improve three indoor galleries. In Phase II, the Aquarium will continue the current narrative that guides guests from Oregon's sandy beaches to ocean depths. Exhibits and interpretive murals in the Sandy Shores and Coastal Waters galleries will be refreshed or replaced. A larger, more accessible touch pool, giant octopus exhibit, and hands-on science lab will enrich the visitor experience. In addition to the recently created Indo-Pacific Coral Reef exhibit, other exhibits will feature mangroves, seamounts and marine species from tropical regions of the Pacific Rim. A former corridor will be converted into a gallery of kreisels illuminating sea nettles and graceful jellies.

The Aquarium has been able to raise more than 80% of our capital campaign goal of \$22M. More information can be found online at givetoaquarium.org.

Capital Campaign Funding Committed



CHANGING TIDES

While the turbulence of 2020 has given way to the shifting sands of 2021, the Oregon Coast Aquarium is keeping an eye on the horizon, looking forward to clearer skies and calmer waters. Though these times are unprecedented and the future unpredictable we are confident in our ability to navigate storms and calm seas alike.

The Aquarium plays a vital role in Oregon's economy, environmental education, and conservation. This report highlights our miraculous recovery and continued efforts to support Oregon's marine wildlife and coastal communities.

Thank you for being a part of our success. We look forward to sharing our next journey with you!

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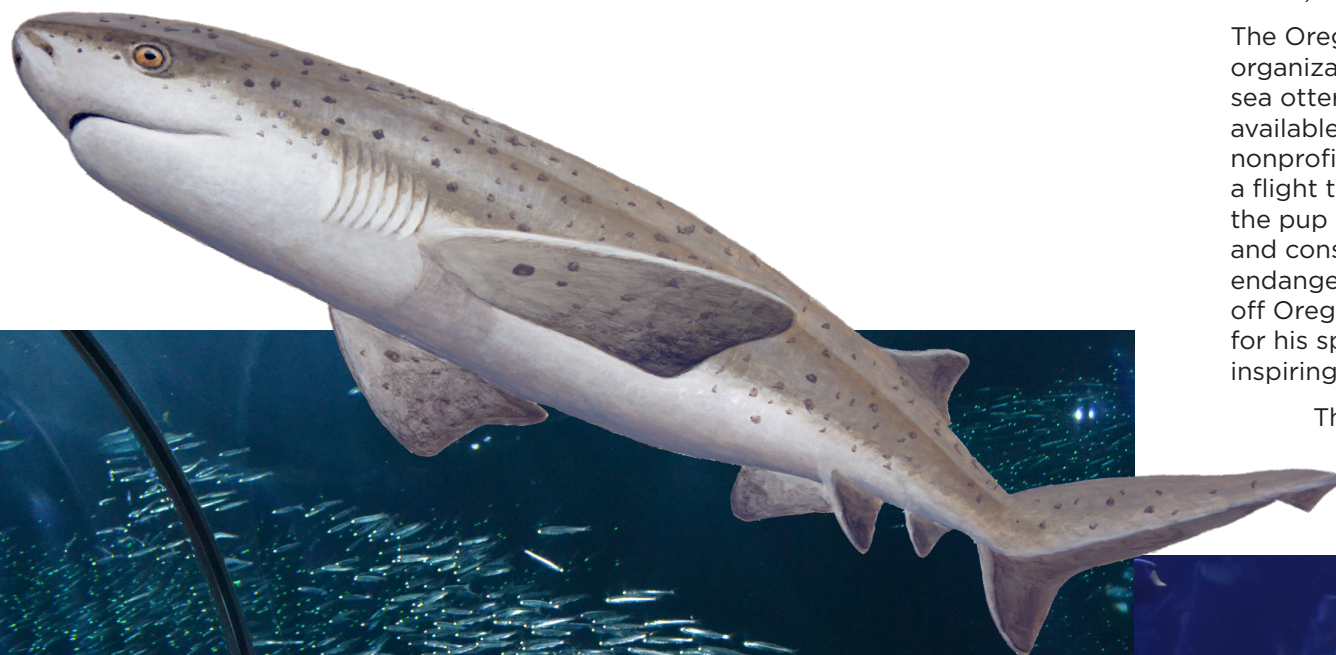
A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY

The Aquarium's financial recovery from the pandemic has been nothing short of miraculous. For 14 months, the Aquarium was either closed or open with limited capacity during the COVID-19 health crisis, resulting in nearly \$9 million of revenue loss. We cinched our budgets, secured two federal CARES Act grants and a Small Business Shuttered Venue Operators grant, and elicited support from 126 foundations and businesses to bridge the gap in operating revenue. More than 8400 individuals donated or renewed memberships to sustain the Aquarium and care for our 15,000 animals. Since reopening in February, more than 365,000 people visited us, and memberships rebounded to 2019 levels.

SEVENGILL STUDIES

The Oregon Coast Aquarium, in collaboration with the Aquarium of the Bay and Monterey Bay Aquarium, has been actively participating in novel research of the broadnose sevengill shark. The process, which involves taking measurements and muscle samples and tagging wild broadnose sevengills, provides researchers with vital genetic information and tracking data that will help them better understand the species.

There is currently insufficient data on this shark to determine if its populations are threatened; as such, this ongoing research acts as an essential foundation for long-term conservation planning.



Earle



Sanderson



Vonnegut

FLIPPERS, FEATHERS AND FINS

The Aquarium has seen many new faces this year—human and animal alike. This summer, we welcomed a sea otter pup to our sea otter raft. The pup was found stranded at Asilomar State Marine Reserve in Pacific Grove, California and was deemed non-releasable.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is one of only 15 organizations in the U.S. authorized to accept rescued sea otters, and the goal is to always have a space available for those that cannot be released. Our nonprofit aviation partner Turtles Fly Too coordinated a flight to bring the pup to our facility. Upon arrival the pup was named Earle, after famed oceanographer and conservationist Sylvia Earle. Sea otters are a highly endangered marine mammal, and considered extinct off Oregon's coast. Earle will act as an ambassador for his species, connecting guests with ocean life and inspiring conservation.

The residents of our seabird aviary worked hard this summer, building nests and pairing up with one goal in mind: chicks. Their efforts

did not go unrewarded: we welcomed two tufted puffin chicks, also known as pufflings, and one common murre chick to the aviary. This year our aviculturists named the chicks after authors, dubbing the pufflings "Sanderson" and "Stephenking," and the murre chick "Vonnegut." After a few short weeks all three chicks took wing, leaving their burrows to paddle alongside the rest of the seabirds.

Earlier this year, a local citizen found a skate case washed ashore; after detecting movement within, they brought the case to the Aquarium where our aquarists worked round the clock to give its contents a chance at survival. Within the case were multiple skate embryos, requiring constant water flow and a sterile environment. After months of intensive care, the skates were added to our Rocky Shores gallery, where our guests can now watch their development.

Symbolic animal adoptions directly support the care of our animals. Learn more about how you can help at aquarium.org/adopt



OCEAN LITERACY

By developing expanded online learning options, covering topics ranging from animal adaptations to marine-related professions, the Aquarium has been able to reach a wider audience than ever. Aquarium curators and education staff have conducted virtual

field trips, career shadows, curator chats, and classroom programs, reaching nearly 2,000 people. We also became a top-featured partner on Zigazoo, a child-friendly early learning platform, reaching more than 16,000 subscribers.