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Re: Case #25-10606, Docket #0680

Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein
Federal Building
824 North Market Street
6th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Judge Silverstein,

By way of introduction, I am a scientist, educator, and conservationist. I am writing on behalf of the Marineland Park of St. Augustine with the request that it continue as a community asset for education, conservation, and research.

Marineland has many dimensions. I am writing specifically with regard to the Marineland Right Whale Project.

To this point, please consider the invaluable research and historical role of Marineland, specifically with regard to its role with the small population of the endangered North Atlantic right whale. Some individuals of the species migrate 1200 miles from feeding grounds in the north to calf in the nearshore waters of the southeastern U.S. Nursing and education of the calves takes place during weeks and months in these waters,

Curators at Marineland, the Caldwells and others, collected stranding and sightings data back into the 1950s. These sightings are among the earliest in the Right Whale Catalog. When the North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium was formed in the mid-1980s, Marineland was one of the founding organizations.

When the Marineland Right Whale Program began in 2001, it was based in Marineland, which continues to be a partner and contributor. Indeed, many of the scientific and historical archives are housed at Marineland. I also note the right whale sculpture at the south end of the property.

Currently the program includes 200+ volunteers (citizen scientists). The community engagement and education is central to this environmental and conservation dimension.



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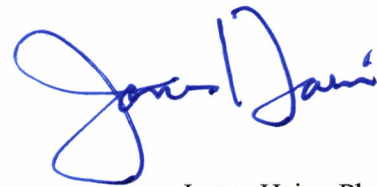
To date, the project has contributed more than 500 sightings and documenting photographs to the central repository for right whale data at the New England Aquarium in Boston, Massachusetts. We have provided input at public meetings and scientific publications. These data and products contribute directly to management and conservation actions.

Please see our website: marinelandrightwhale.org, and also the videos on YouTube at "Marineland Right Whale Project."

Marineland has many dimensions that should be retained.

Thank you for considering.

Sincerely,

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James Hain, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist and Executive Director

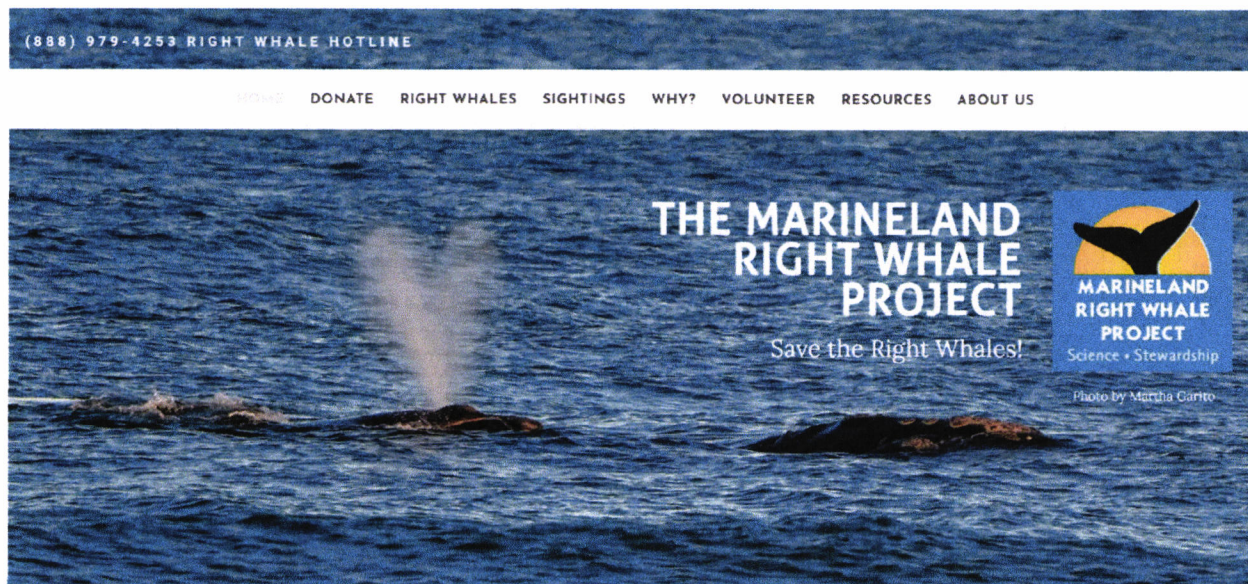
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A right whale sculpture with informational panels is located at the south end of the park.



Volunteers (citizen scientists) with scientist Sara Ellis, Ph.D., (with yellow safety vest) after a successful right whale sighting, 8 February 2020. The community is engaged in science and conservation.



The website for the project, marinelandrightwhale.org.