

Animal Care and Life Support Monthly Report

DECEMBER 2018:

- All sea turtles have been moved to the Turtle pool. GFL temperatures dropped to 67 (sea turtles can't be in less than 69). Incoming water is still in low to mid 70's which keeps the turtle pool warmer when I direct all raw water to that area.
- Following a power outage last week we saw our vacuum gauges in the ocean pump house displaying inaccurate readings. I replaced the gauges and they are now functioning correctly.
- Upcoming projects for ocean pump house
 - I will need to send out flow meters as neither are displaying correct readings (they have not been recalibrated in years) hopefully they can be recalibrated or we will need to purchase replacements. Hopefully our "hot taps" still function properly (the area in our piping that allows the flow meter's propeller to be removed without having to shut off water to pipe)
- Angelina Bruno has accepted the full-time Animal care Specialist position and will switch from her part-time position starting Dec 22nd (this replaces the position Elisa Kermani vacated in August)
- I have processed the permit renewal request for our Marine Turtle Permit through FWC. This permit allows authorized personnel to:
 - Temporary hold hatchlings
 - Maintain and display preserved sea turtle specimens
 - Hold non-releasable sea turtles for educational display
 - Conduct stranding/ salvage activities (rescues)
- Sea Turtles current weights: Lily/260lbs Turtwig/160lbs AnnaBelle/174lbs Hank/ 114lbs
- Sea Turtles will have exams and annual blood draw next month – they will need to be transported to the hospital for the check-ups
- I completed my first draft of Tactical Goals for strategic planning on November 21st

Capital Campaign / Ocean Eco Center

- Working with the Bridge team to physically locate GFL supply and drain lines beneath island before bridge footing location can be finalized- waiting to hear from Radar company as local Plumber said he could not locate our pipes with his method
- Working on source location for salt water feed for Eco Center – creating visuals and PDFs of piping maps for contractors
- Working on LSS team to design Eco Center life support systems (wants vs needs)
- Worked with Lead staff to develop an educational concept and goals script for our exhibit design team
- Attending/ teleconferencing to numerous related meetings

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