



Free Lecture at Santa Monica Pier Aquarium on World Oceans Day

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Santa Monica, CA (May 24, 2010) – Journalist and environmental activist David Helvarg will be the guest lecturer June 8th at Heal the Bay’s Santa Monica Pier Aquarium discussing his latest book, “SAVED BY THE SEA: A Love Story with Fish.” The 90-minute program, scheduled to coincide with World Oceans Day, begins at 7 p.m. at the marine science center at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beach level beneath the Santa Monica Pier.

In a heartfelt tribute to the sea’s power and its importance to humankind, Helvarg tells the story of his career fighting to save the oceans, outlining the numerous ways the marine environment is under attack. Interwoven throughout is the story of a more personal fight involving a loved one stricken with cancer.

The author has worked as a freelance journalist for many years and has reported from every continent. His reporting experience includes military conflict, civil conflict and marine biology. He is the founder of the environmental group Blue Frontier.

Admission is free, but seating is limited and available by RSVP only on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Aquarium to RSVP at 310-393-6149, x 106.

About the SMPA

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is Heal the Bay’s marine education facility located

beach-level, just below the Carousel, at the Santa Monica Pier. The Aquarium is open to the general public <<http://www.healthebay.org/smpa/visitor/hoursfees.asp>> and attracts more than 85,000 visitors per year. Since Heal the Bay acquired the Aquarium in 2003 from UCLA, more than 300,000 visitors have been welcomed during public hours and approximately 80,000 students have been educated during in-house education programs <<http://www.healthebay.org/smpa/edupgms/default.asp>> .

About Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use research, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.