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**ASSIST THE FISH!  
WAIKIKI AQUARIUM VOLUNTEER TRAINING BEGINS JANUARY 22, 2011**

HONOLULU (December 27, 2010) – The Waikiki Aquarium offers a sea of volunteer opportunities that provide the chance to teach residents and visitors about Hawai'i sea life and conservation. The Aquarium will hold free volunteer training beginning Saturday, January 22, 2011.

**Aquarium Interpreters** share natural history information on the Waikiki Aquarium's outdoor reef exhibit, guide visitor observations and answer questions about Hawai'i's marine environment. The training course covers interpretation and hospitality skills, information on exhibit operations, and various marine sciences.

Eight training sessions will be held January 22 to February 15, 2011, every Tuesday from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Waikiki Aquarium classroom. One-on-one sessions will then be scheduled for on-the-job training. Interpreters work one two-hour shift per week for a minimum period of six months.

Interested parties can call 440-9020 or e-mail [volunteer@waquarium.org](mailto:volunteer@waquarium.org) for more information or to schedule a meeting and reserve space in the class.

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#### **About the Waikiki Aquarium**

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawai'i since 1919, the Waikiki Aquarium is located on the shoreline of Waikiki Beach next to a living reef and across from Kapiolani Park. The Aquarium – third oldest in the U.S. – showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,000 marine specimens. Public exhibits, education programs and research focus on the unique aquatic life of Hawai'i and the tropical Pacific. The Aquarium welcomes more than 320,000 visitors annually, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Honolulu Marathon Sunday and Christmas Day. Admission is \$9 for visitors; \$6 for local residents, active duty military with ID, students with ID and seniors; \$4 for youths ages 13-17 and persons with disabilities; \$2 for juniors ages 5 to 12; and free for children 4 and under and Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members. For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including membership, please call (808) 923-9741 or visit [www.waquarium.org](http://www.waquarium.org).

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