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**BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JOHN HOOVER MAKES A SPLASH AT THE  
WAIKIKI AQUARIUM WITH THREE EXCLUSIVE EVENTS**

HONOLULU, HI (January 21, 2009) – Dive into the Waikiki Aquarium with John Hoover, best-selling author of *The Ultimate Guide to Hawaiian Reef Fishes, Sea Turtles, Dolphins, Whales and Seals*, as he shares his breadth of knowledge at three exclusive events presented in part by Mutual Publishing and Hawaiian Airlines:

Reception with John Hoover

Discover the underwater world with a presentation by Hoover, highlighting his book's beautiful photography, animal behavior descriptions and anecdotes from other people who photograph, observe and study Hawaiian marine life. The presentation will be followed by a book signing, with books available for purchase. Free admission. Pre-registration required.

February 5, Thursday

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fish Behavior 101 in Pictures, Part One: Reproduction

Look through the lens of one of Hawaii's foremost experts in reef fishes as Hoover explains the behavior and color changes of fish during reproduction. Participants will also get a close-up view of nest preparation, courtship, the spawning of damselfish, and much more. Must be ages 14 and up. \$20 for both classes (Part One & Two); \$12 for a single class. (\$24/\$14 respectively for non-members).

February 8, Sunday

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fish Behavior 101 in Pictures, Part Two: Feeding and Defense

Predator or prey? In this session, Hoover will walk participants through various examples of marine fish feeding strategies and defense mechanisms. Participants must be ages 14 and up. \$20 for both classes (Part One & Two); \$12 for a single class. (\$24/\$14 respectively for non-members).

February 9, Monday      6:30-8:00 p.m.

For reservations or more information, call the Waikiki Aquarium's Education Department at (808) 440-9011.

#### ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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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