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**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM CONTINUES NANA I KE KAI SERIES WITH SPECIAL PRESENTATION:  
*CLIMATE CHANGE, IN HAWAII AND AROUND THE WORLD***

HONOLULU (February 9, 2010) – As part of the Waikiki Aquarium's yearlong *Nana I Ke Kai* (Look to the Sea) lecture series, Hawaii visitors and residents are invited learn about climate change and the environment during a special presentation on Thursday, February 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Chip Fletcher, University of Hawaii Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, will report on the local and global effects of climate change, global warming and rise in sea levels. Following the presentation, Samuel M. 'Ohukani'ōhi'a Gon III, Ph.D., The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii Senior Scientist and Cultural Advisor, will address climate change from a Hawaiian perspective.

*Nana I Ke Kai* features cultural practitioners and scientific discussions on climate change, coral conservation, and ocean acidification, among other issues. Sponsored in part by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Pacific Services Center, the lecture series focuses on raising community awareness of ocean habitat, health, and human impacts.

The presentation, which will be held in the Waikiki Aquarium's classroom, is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, call 440-9027 or e-mail [maryloufoley@waquarium.org](mailto:maryloufoley@waquarium.org).

**ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM**

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawaii at Manoa 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 3,500 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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