

INCREASING CONSERVATION IMPACT THROUGH COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF PUBLIC AQUARIUMS

Monday, April 15, 9 – 9:50, Book Castle

Lead: Aquarium Conservation Partnership

Co-organizers: Georgia Aquarium, Monterey Bay Aquarium, National Aquarium, New England Aquarium, Seattle Aquarium

The Aquarium Conservation Partnership (ACP) is a coalition of 30 U.S. aquariums and zoos in 21 states, each committed to sustainable practices and working to conserve our ocean and freshwater ecosystems. ACP leverages the collective resources of member institutions across the U.S. to mobilize audiences, advocate for policy change, and advance conservation for greater collective and individual impact. We also “walk the talk” by jointly committing to and adopting sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, including minimizing single-use plastic to only where needed for health and safety, measuring and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, setting climate neutrality goals, and sourcing sustainable seafood.

Our members work together to advance the following goals:

- Advance equity and environmental justice in ocean and freshwater conservation.
- Combat climate change and its impact on people, the ocean, and freshwater ecosystems.
- Protect ocean and freshwater ecosystems and wildlife.
- Reduce the sources of plastic pollution.
- Improve the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture.

ACP envisions a future where our ocean, lakes, rivers, and streams are healthy and resilient, sustaining diverse communities of people and wildlife, and where resources are equitably distributed, and those most impacted are centered in decision-making.



SIDE EVENT AGENDA

Kim McIntyre, Executive Director, Aquarium Conservation Partnership, Facilitator

Time (from-to)	<i>Title of intervention/presentation</i> Name, Affiliation
9:00 – 9:05	<i>Welcome and Overview</i> Kim McIntyre, Executive Director, Aquarium Conservation Partnership
9:05 – 9:10	<i>Aquariums as Conveners</i> Ayana Melvan, Director of Conservation Action, Aquarium Conservation Partnership
9:10 – 9:15	<i>Aquariums as Sustainable Business Models</i> Dr. Erin Meyer, Chief Conservation Officer, Seattle Aquarium, Aquarium Conservation Partnership Chair
9:15 – 9:20	<i>Aquariums as Advocates</i> Jennifer Driban, Chief Mission Officer, National Aquarium
9:20 – 9:25	<i>Aquariums as Local Partners</i> Dr. Letise LaFeir, Chief Conservation and Stewardship Officer, New England Aquarium



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9:25 – 9:30	<i>Aquariums as Global Leaders</i> Dr. Dayne Buddo, Director of Global Ocean Policy, Georgia Aquarium
9:30 – 9:50	Q&A