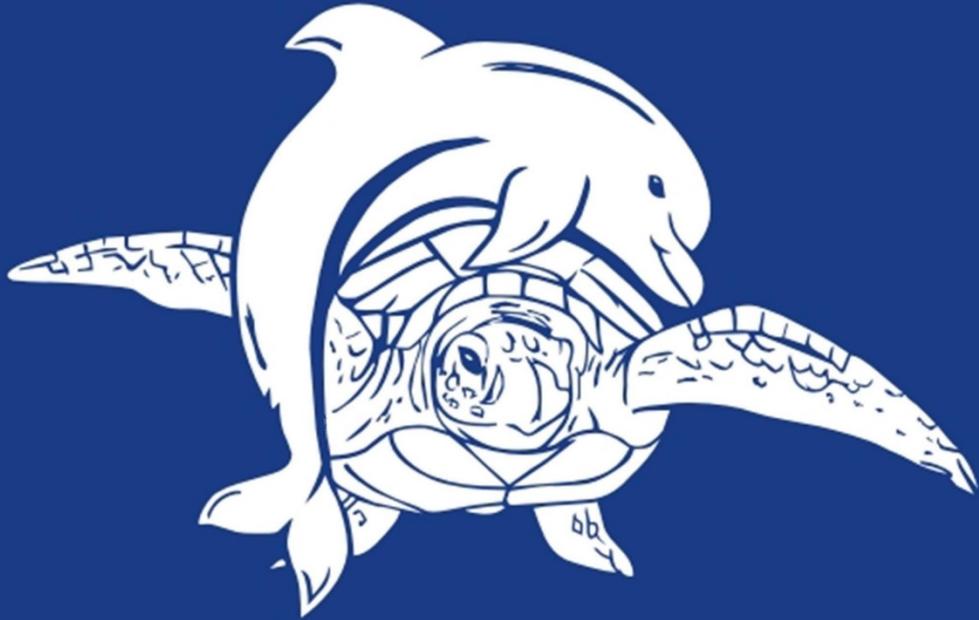


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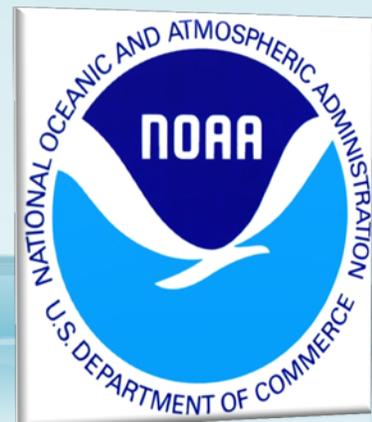
**SEA TURTLE & DOLPHIN
RESCUE**

**Gulf World
Marine
Institute**

**Bay County RESTORE
Act Advisory
Committee
Presentation
November 12, 2014**

Who Are We?

- **Gulf World, Inc.**
 - Entertaining and Educating Generations of Bay County Visitors
 - Responding to marine animal strandings since 1970
- **Gulf World Marine Institute, Inc.**
 - 501 C (3) status in 2012 – Increased public funding & support
- **Government Authorized and permitted**
 - NOAA/ NMFS, USFWS/FWC
- **Locally Trained and Coordinated Rescue Team**



Who We Work With

Staff:

- **Ron Hardy – Director, Board President**
- **Secret Holmes – Director Operations**
- **Dr. Lydia Staggs – Facility Veterinarian**
- **Stephanie Nagle – Education Coordinator**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- **Recognized NWF Community Leaders & Businesses**

VOLUNTEERS:

- **Locally Trained Bay County Citizens and Others**

Working Relationships:

- **Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Network**
- **Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute**
- **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**
- **Auburn University**
- **University of Florida**
- **MOTE Marine Laboratory**
- **Smithsonian Institute**
- **NMFS & FWC**
- **United States Navy**
- **Bay County**



Where We Work

(From Walton to Wakulla County – 200 miles of shoreline)



Unusual Mortality Event (UME)

- February 2010 – Current
 - Northern Gulf of Mexico
 - Louisiana- Florida Panhandle
- Samples taken from Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins



Our Mission!

- Rescue, Rehabilitate & Release
- Research & Collaboration
- Education/Conservation



Mammal Rescues and Responses



Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin



Rough-toothed Dolphin



Dwarf Sperm Whales

Sea Turtle Rescues & Recovery



In January 2010, 1800 cold-stunned turtles were rescued in St. Joseph Bay, an area stretching just 15 miles wide in NW Florida

Turtles in Rehab/Recent Releases

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Hatchling



Our Proposal

Total Estimated Cost - \$2,821,000.00

❖ NEW RESCUE CENTER

- Projected Building Costs **\$1,228,500**
- Request Bay County 1st Yr \$ 500,000
- Match other Funds \$ 500,000
- Fundraising, grants
- & Donations \$ 228,500
- **TOTAL \$ 1,228,500**

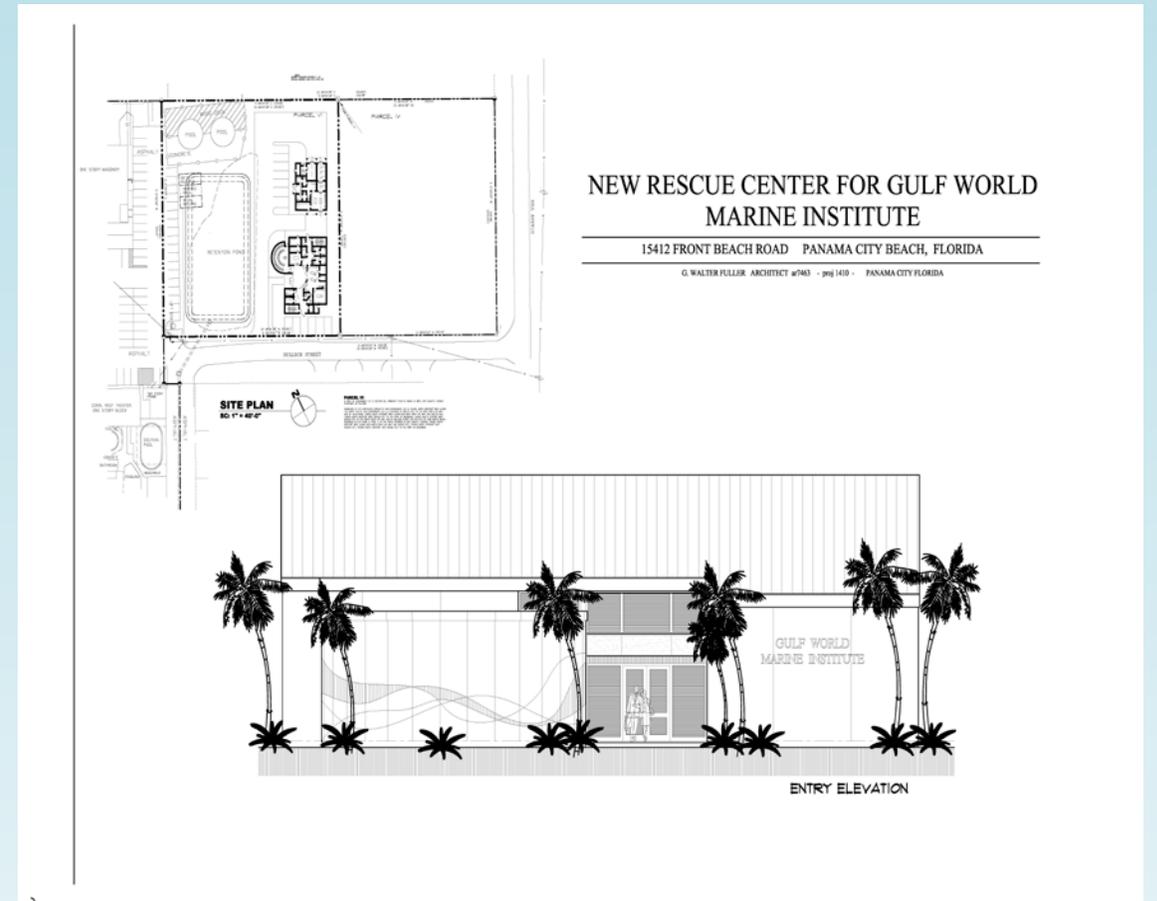
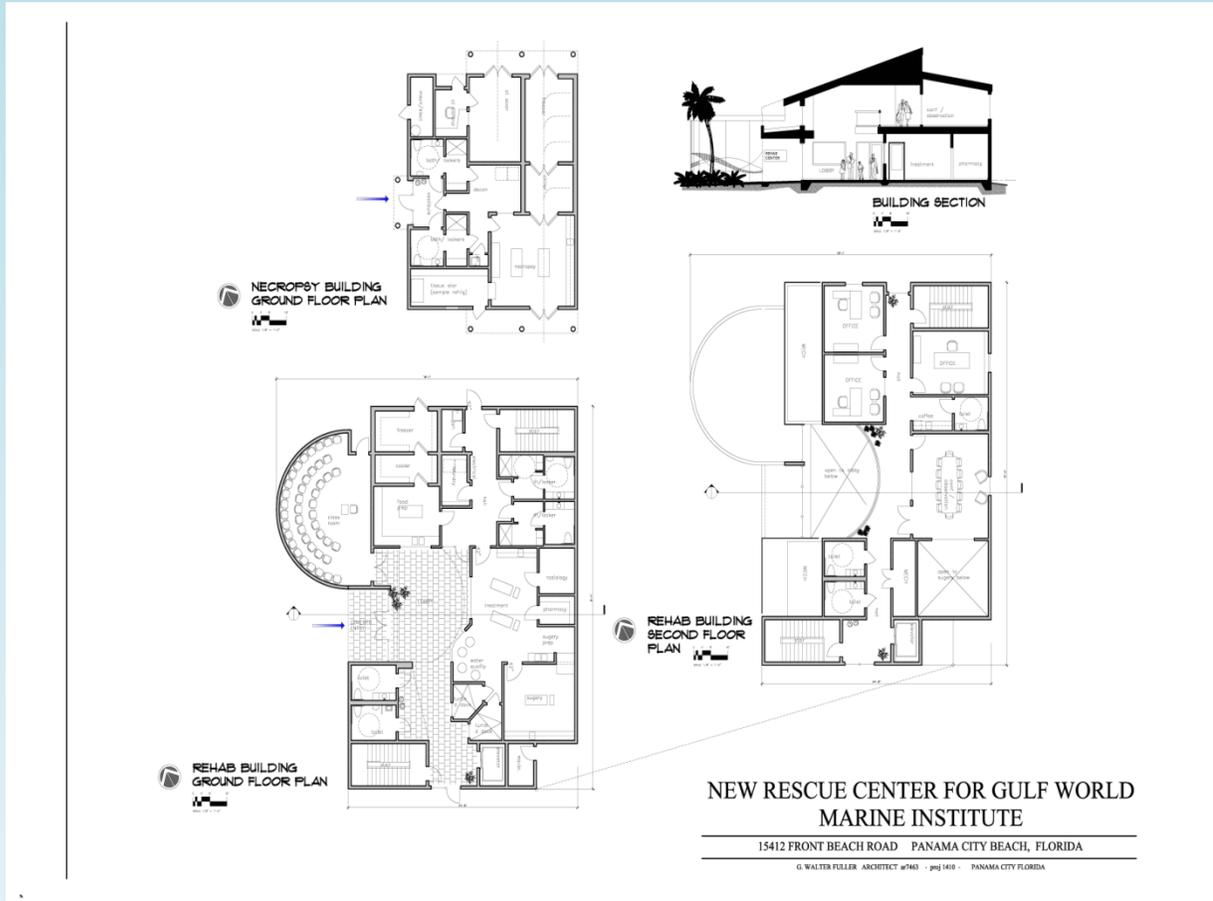
❖ Note – Rescue Center staffing , OMB and any renovations/ expansions to be provided by GWMI

Funds Already Received - \$1,600,000

- Property (Land) \$600,000
- Medical Equipment 185,000
- 41 Rehab Pools with Pumps, filters, heaters 207,000
- Supplies & In-kind Services 574,000
- Vehicles 34,000
- TOTAL Received \$1,600,000**

❖ Response/ rehab equipment, supplies and staffing NFWF 1st yr funding

Gulf World Marine Institute Rescue Center



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Thank You!