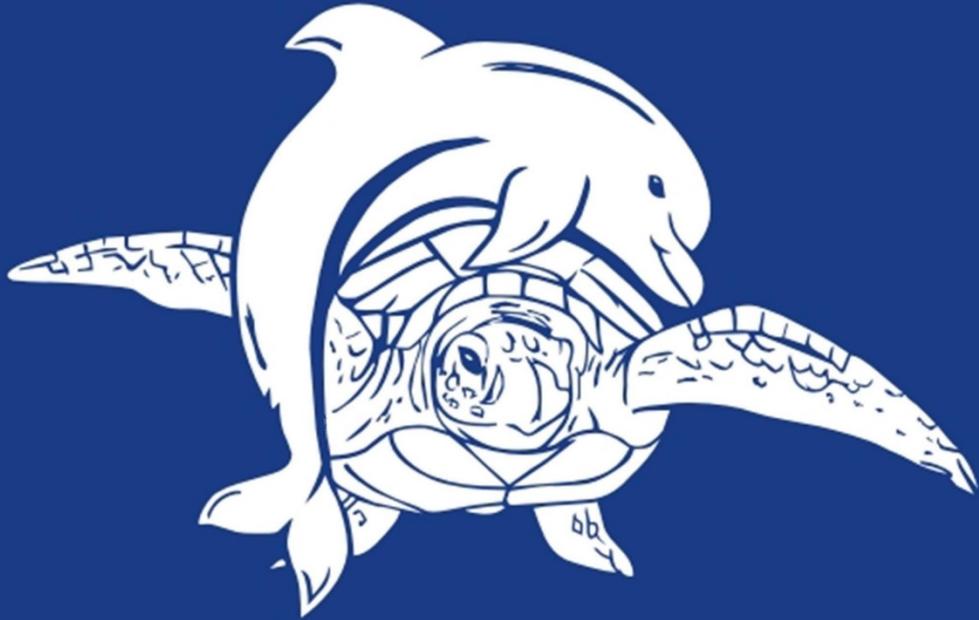


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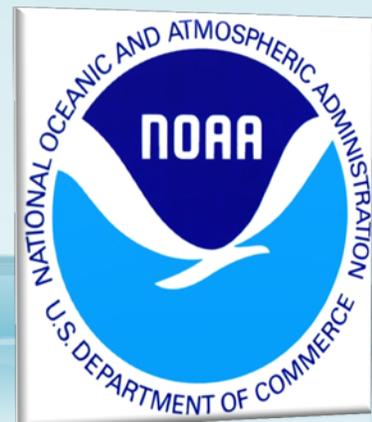
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Presentation  
February 24, 2015**

# Who Are We?

- **Gulf World Marine Institute, Inc. (GWMI)**
  - 501 C (3) status in 2012 – Increased public funding & support  
– BAY COUNTY RESTORE GRANT APPLICANT
- **Gulf World Marine Park, Inc.**
  - Entertaining and Educating Generations of Bay County Visitors
  - Responding to marine animal strandings since 1970
  - Major MWMI asset provider.
- **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 Community & Businesses Leaders in Bay and Adjacent Gulf Counties**

## 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**

## VOLUNTEERS:

- **Locally Trained Citizens**



# Where We Work

Direct response from Walton to Wakulla County – 200 miles of shoreline.

Receive and Rehabilitate Animals from throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic States.



# Unusual Mortality Event (UME)

- Most Recent -February 2010 – Current
  - Northern Gulf of Mexico
    - Louisiana- Florida Panhandle
- Samples taken from Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins
- Current event involved 1,200 animals



# 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*

# Our Proposal Provides BOTH:

## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- **Supports State & Federal Protected Species Recovery & Rehabilitation Plans**
- **Marine Animal Research & Medical Training**
- **Local Environmental Education, Partnering & Conservation Messaging**

## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

### DIRECT

- **90 - New Jobs for Bay County\***
  - **80 - Jobs 1<sup>st</sup> year – Mostly Construction**
  - **8 - Jobs 2<sup>nd</sup> year – Tech & Professional**
  - **10 - Jobs 3<sup>rd</sup> & subsequent years**

**\* Average wage each created Job  
\$31,000.00**

### INDIRECT

- **Increased visitation OUR area attractions and activities.**
- **Increased stays in area hotels, restaurants.**
- **Vendors & Caters for special needs and events**

# Our Proposal

**Total Estimated Cost - \$2,850,000.00**

## ❖NEW RESCUE CENTER

- Projected Building Costs **\$1,228,500**
- Request Bay County 1<sup>st</sup> Yr \$ 750,000
- Match other Funds \$ 500,000\*
- Fundraising, grants \$ 250,000\*
  - TOTAL **\$ 1,500,000**

\* GWI will insure match and fundraising in the amount of \$500,000 (40% Construction) if necessary to build rescue center.

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

**Funds Already Received - \$1,600,000**

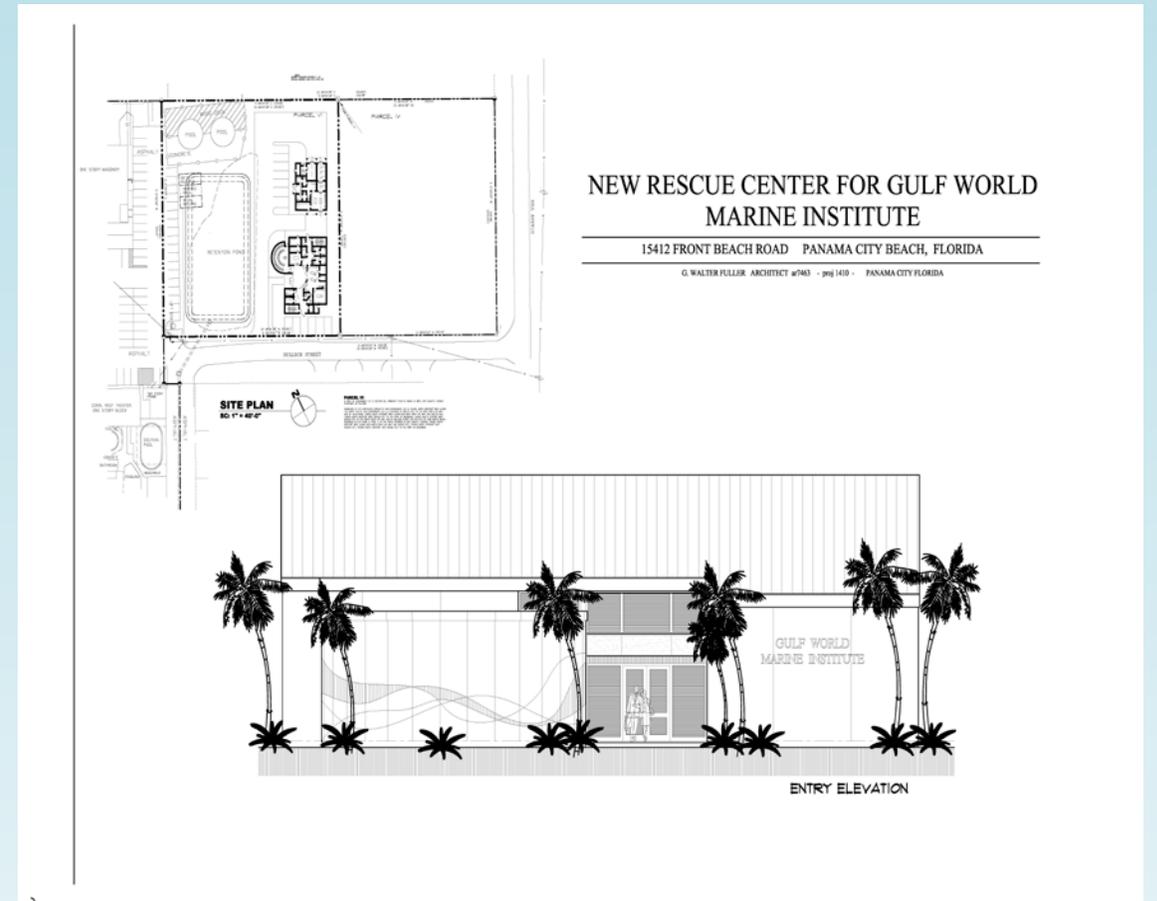
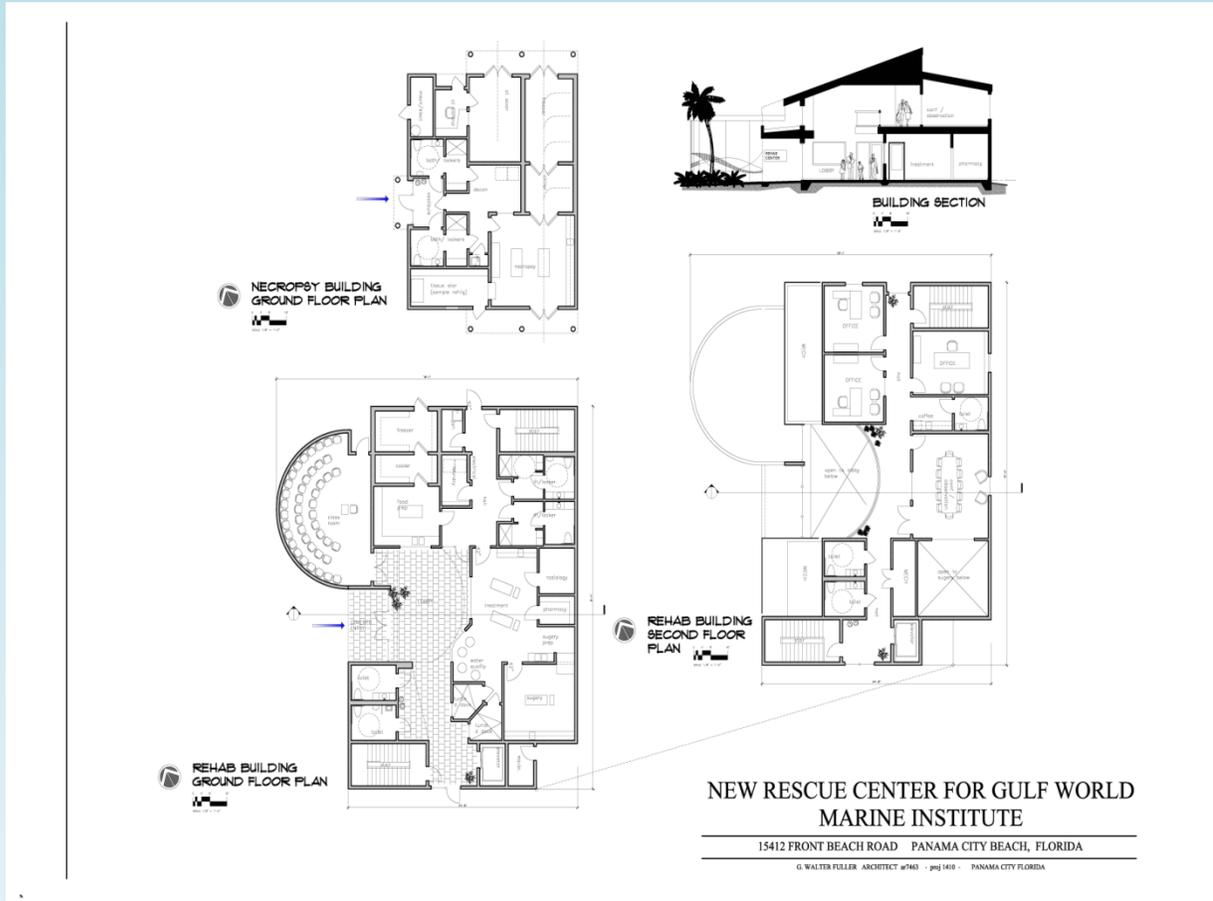
•Response/ rehab equipment, supplies and staffing NFWF 1<sup>st</sup> yr funding

- 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**

• **Additional GWMI Commitment Construction \$ 500,000**

- **Match Secured for project by GWMI - \$2,100,000**
- **Project Cost to be provided by Match - 74%**

# Gulf World Marine Institute Rescue Center



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**Thank You!**