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A Life Among Fishes: The Art of Gyotaku

As part of their Film and Lecture series Bay Ecotarium, through its partner organizations, Aquarium of the Bay, The Bay Institute and Bay Model Alliance, are hosting a presentation by Christopher Dewees on the ancient Japanese art of fish printing. His book, *A Life Among Fishes: The Art of Gyotaku*, shares a half-century of printing fish and shellfish to full color. In addition to reading from his book, Chris will give a live presentation on the art of gyotaku.

Since his introduction to Japanese fish printing (gyotaku) in 1968, Dewees has honed his skills to a mastery level. His works have been featured in many individual and group exhibitions around the world.

While Chris is a well-known artist, he is also an ecologist and a fisherman. His artistry is deeply informed by his research in marine fisheries management. In addition, Chris is Marine Fisheries Specialist, Emeritus, at the University of California, Davis Campus.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 25, with a reception at 5:30 pm and presentation from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Bay Model Visitor Center, 2100 Bridgeway in Sausalito.

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About Bay Ecotarium

Bay Ecotarium is a trusted not-for-profit advocacy organization with the mission to protect, restore, and inspire water conservation from the Sierra to the sea. We address today's most important water-related critical issues including climate change, wildlife protection, sustainability, coast and ocean protection, and watershed health. Through science and research, field conservation, education, and animal encounters in naturalistic settings, Bay Ecotarium is shifting the environmental conversation from scarcity to abundance and from fear to opportunity.

Through its six institutions, Bay Ecotarium works to motivate Bay Area residents, influencers, politicians, businesses, and visitors to become agents of change for a healthy, thriving ecosystem:

Aquarium of the Bay: Located at PIER 39 on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, and home to over 20,000 marine animals that frequent local

waters.

The Bay Institute: Its scientists and conservationists develop and lead model scientific research, education, and advocacy programs that have a major impact on improving the health of the San Francisco Bay watershed.

Bay Model Alliance: A partnership between the Bay Model Visitor Center and Bay Ecotarium. The Bay Model is the only working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta System.

Sea Lion Center: Located above the sea lions at K-Dock at the end of PIER 39, trained naturalists from the aquarium provide free interpretive presentations of these iconic creatures.

EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park: This off-the-grid environmental education center is a living classroom dedicated to environmental justice, green buildings, and making better use of Earth's resources to foster healthy people, ecosystems, and economies.

Bay Academy: The Bay Academy is tasked with consolidating and archiving all Bay Institute and educational publications, citations and editorials into a cohesive database. The Academy is also planning, developing, and designing curriculum based e-learning modules for both teachers and students.

