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Aquarium of the Bay Celebrates the Season with River Otter Snow Days

San Francisco, CA (November 28, 2017) — The Aquarium of the Bay at PIER 39 is bringing back its own brand of holiday fun with River Otter Snow Days — every Thursday in December (December 7, 14, 21, 28) from 10 am to 6 pm.

Before sunrise, aquarium staff drives to A. Larocca Seafood distributor on Fisherman's Wharf to collect chipped ice and pour buckets of "snow" into the otter exhibit, transforming it into a winter wonderland for the playful pals. No need to worry about the cold. Otters have two layers of fur to keep them warm—one to repel water, and a second inner layer to insulate.

The otters are the watershed ambassadors for the Aquarium, enabling staff to share the message about the importance of the health and interconnectedness of our natural resources. Guests can join Aquarium naturalists for daily "Otter Talks," a 15-minute presentation to learn more about river otters and how they differ from sea otters.

Otters Tahoe, Shasta, Baxter, and Ryer share the aquarium with 20,000 fish, sharks, and other animals living at Aquarium of the Bay. Guests enter *River Otters: Watershed Ambassadors* through the Aquarium's <u>Touch the Bay</u> exhibit, where children can touch various animals, including sharks, bat rays, sea stars, anemones and more.

For more information on Otter Snow Days, go to http://aquariumofthebay.org and check under events.

About Aquarium of the Bay

Located at PIER 39 on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, the Aquarium of the Bay engages while it educates guests about the local waters from the Sierra to the sea. We focus on water, beginning at the heart—the very depths—of San Francisco Bay. Our marine nature center boasts 300 feet of crystal clear acrylic tunnels holding 700,000 gallons of carefully maintained Bay water that sustains approximately 20,000 animals living in the Bay and nearby waters, from octopuses to eight-foot sevengill sharks.

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