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Subject: Re: Gulf World Dolphins
To: animal care theater of the sea
Cc: Beverley Osborne; Sarah.J.Helming@usda.gov; Helmick, Kelly - MRP-APHIS; Jennifer Skidmore; Trevor Spradlin - NOAA Federal
Sent: June 2, 2025 1:19 PM (UTC-04:00)

Good afternoon, Beverly.

Thank you for your inquiry and offer for Theater of the Sea to serve as a potential placement site for the dolphins at Gulf World Marine Park in Panama City Beach, Florida (7 bottlenose dolphins, *Tursiops truncatus* and 4 rough-toothed dolphins, *Steno bredanensis*). Since Gulf World still has custody of the dolphins, please directly contact Michael Flynn (Michael.Flynn@riveron.com) and Robert Wagstaff (Robert.Wagstaff@riveron.com) who are representing Gulf World's interests and are the appropriate people for you to contact regarding your offer.

Sincerely,
Courtney



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On Fri, May 30, 2025 at 4:31 PM animal care theater of the sea <animalcare@theaterofthesea.com> wrote:
Hello,

We respectfully offer Theater of the Sea as a potential placement site for the Gulf World dolphins.

Our expert team, led by a curator and veterinarian each with 40 years of experience, have a 100% success rate in acclimating non-releasable cetaceans as well as those from other facilities to Theater of the Sea.

We have abundant space in our four-acre natural saltwater lagoon which would allow for the Gulf World dolphins to remain in their original social groups, and if needed in their own pool.

Theater of the Sea will provide whatever resources necessary to care for these animals, including covering the cost of transport.

With appreciation for your consideration,

Beverley Osborne and Curatorial Team