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Celebrate World Oceans Day

Celebrate World Oceans Day this week at Channel Islands National Park with two special Channel Islands Live Dive broadcasts at noon and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8 and a community event on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

These Live Dive programs are available at the national park visitor center and via the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/live-programs.htm>. Several aquariums along the West Coast in California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska will also be featuring these programs to recognize the importance of protecting our coastal and ocean resources.

A second celebration event for World Oceans Day will be held at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center at 1901 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura Harbor on Saturday, June 11, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This event will feature the premiere of a new film *Return Flight: Restoring the Bald Eagle to the Channel Islands*. The film's producer, Kevin White with Full Frame Productions in San Francisco, California, will host Q&A sessions following the 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. showings. The film will be shown every hour from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The film chronicles the journey of the bald eagle's recovery from disappearance on the Channel Islands in the 1960s from DDT contamination and egg collecting to today's population of about 60 birds on four Channel Islands, some that are successfully breeding. The 14-minute production, funded by Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP), took several years to complete because of the logistical challenges involved with filming the bald eagles and their chicks on the Channel Islands.

Sequoia, a live bald eagle from the San Francisco Zoo, will be a main attraction at the Saturday event, which is sponsored by the National Park Service and MSRP. This event will also feature storyteller Elaine Muray, tidepool and pinniped talks, kelp and fish printmaking, and more activities relating to ocean conservation.

To learn more about World Oceans Day: <http://worldoceansday.org/>

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