Dr. Mary Cogliano, Chief  
Branch of Permits, MS: IA  
Division of Management Authority  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3803  

Re: Permit Application No. 0028852  
(Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium)

Dear Dr. Cogliano:

The Marine Mammal Commission (the Commission), in consultation with its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals, has reviewed the above-referenced permit application with regard to the public display criteria of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (the MMPA). The Commission believes that the proposed activities meet these requirements and recommends that the Fish and Wildlife Service issue the permit, as requested. Kindly contact me if you have any questions concerning the Commission’s recommendation.

Sincerely,

Peter O. Thomas, Ph.D.,  
Executive Director