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BROOKS ANNOUNCES NAMING CONTEST RESULTS FOR ZOO'S SEA LIONS

Marina and Lily chosen out of nearly 1,000 entries

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today joined Zoo officials to announce the names for the Seneca Park Zoo's two newest sea lions. "Marina" and "Lily" were chosen out of nearly 1,000 entries submitted by the community during the naming contest, which was held from March 15th through April 15th, 2011.

*"The success of the Zoo's most recent naming contest serves as a testament to the strong community support for the Seneca Park Zoo and the fascinating animals in its care," said **Brooks**. "Thanks to the continued involvement of the community, our newest sea lions are now the proud owners of two beautiful names."*

Eleven people submitted the name Marina. Many said they suggested it because one of the sea lions was rescued from the Marina Del Rey harbor. Another person submitted the name in honor of Pier 39 Marina in San Francisco, Calif., where marine mammals spend time. Others simply felt it was a beautiful name highlighting the sea.

Six people submitted the name Lily. The calm, beauty of a water lily was the major reason this name was chosen.

Found stranded on beaches in Los Angeles County in December of 2009, the sea lions came to the Zoo from the Marine Mammal Care Center at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, Calif. One was rescued from the Marina Del Rey Harbor and the other from the Horseshoe Pier area in Redondo Beach. Due to the permanent injuries they suffered before they were rescued, neither animal was able to be released back into the wild.

Marina and Lily live with Flounder and Puff, who are 19 and 4 respectively, in the Rocky Coasts exhibit at the Seneca Park Zoo. The two girls made their grand debut at the Seneca Park Zoo this past March.

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