



NORTH CAROLINA  
AQUARIUM  
SOCIETY

# ANNUAL REVIEW

2023





# 2023 Statistics

## Fort Fisher

**502,123** visitors  
**20,515** Students Hosted  
**541** Volunteers  
**24,908** Volunteer Hours

## Roanoke Island

**328,542** visitors  
**7,454** Students Hosted  
**300** Volunteers  
**18,422** Volunteer Hours

## Pine Knoll Shores

**412,351** visitors  
**15,541** Students Hosted  
**313** Volunteers  
**13,131** Volunteer Hours

## Jennette's Pier

**163,872** visitors  
**9,454** Students Hosted  
**13** Volunteers  
**1,206** Volunteer Hours

## Letter from the Society President & Board Chair



**Liz Baird**  
President & CEO



**Drew Covert**  
2023-25 Board Chair

Thank you for being a part of the Aquarium family. The support of this community, including our staff, volunteers, visitors, members, donors and Board, is vital to the success of the NC Aquariums, Jennette's Pier and nonprofit NC Aquarium Society as we fulfill our mission to inspire appreciation and conservation. From saving sea turtles to creating new experiences, your visits, memberships, Gift Shop purchases and contributions made a huge impact in 2023.

Last year, more than 50 thousand students visited to experience the immersive learning that only the Aquariums and Pier can offer. Aquarium Scholars, a donor-funded Society program, extends this opportunity to thousands of underserved students statewide. The Aquarium Scholars fund was recently named in honor of Jane Smith Patterson. You can read more about her on page 13.

Looking ahead, exciting renovations and expansions are on the horizon, promising to multiply our impact as conservation leaders and economic drivers in our communities. We are excited to have you with us!





## Transforming for Tomorrow

The NC Aquarium Society is embarking on a comprehensive fundraising effort covering the coast by supporting a series of transformative projects at all four NC Aquarium locations totaling more than \$57.5 million.

Plans include updating touch habitats at the Aquariums at Pine Knoll Shores and Roanoke Island to enhance both visitor experience and animal welfare. Jennette's Pier is ready to harness the surfside sun with new rooftop and walkway solar panels.



The Aquarium at Fort Fisher awaits its first renovation in over twenty years. Outdated exhibits and limited learning spaces no longer meet the needs and expectations of the more than 500 thousand guests and 20 thousand students

welcomed each year. Planned improvements will propel the Aquarium into the future as a world-class facility that inspires visitors, advances conservation and boosts the local economy.

The project centerpiece will be an expansive Sand Tiger Shark Habitat that brings visitors face-to-fin with some of the ocean's most impressive inhabitants. A Shark and Ray Touch Pool will deliver exhilarating encounters that prioritize animal care.

A new Education and Event Wing will offer educational exhibits, programs and flex-space accommodating classrooms and premier events. Atop the Wing, a sweeping Skydeck with breathtaking views of the ocean and surrounding waterways will be perfect for gatherings.

Supporters play a crucial role in making this transformation possible. The Society is grateful for the significant state capital appropriations from the NC General Assembly, which will allow construction to begin in 2025. However, private donors are needed to bridge the gap between state appropriations and final project costs. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help.



## Diving Into Discovery: Holly Doerr Joins NC Aquariums as New Shark Research Scientist

In July, the NC Aquariums expanded their research and conservation team with a new Shark Research Scientist, Holly Doerr. Working out of Morehead City under NC Aquariums Conservation Research Coordinator Dr. Carol Price, Doerr's primary role is to help advance the Aquariums' conservation work with sand tiger sharks.

Despite growing up in landlocked Missouri, Doerr says, "I always loved all things that had to do with the ocean. But as early as I can remember, I loved sharks especially."

Doerr pursued her passion, earning a Master's degree in Marine Science from California State University – Monterey Bay and conducting formal research on multiple fish species, sharks and coastal ecosystems. Her enthusiasm for hands-on science education motivated her to work as a deckhand and naturalist for a whale-watching company, and she most recently served as a Special Activities instructor at the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

"I'm so excited to contribute to the exploration and conservation of such an important species," says Doerr. "It really does feel like the role of a lifetime!"

In her new position, Doerr leads a project first started in 2017 that utilizes small acoustic tags and a network of receivers that allow researchers to track individual sharks' movements over broad periods of time.

"We want to learn all we can to help protect these sharks for generations to come – like what they are eating, their seasonal migration patterns and where they are residing off our coast, particularly the pregnant females," she explains.

Doerr can be found out in the field tagging sharks and collecting samples or in the lab at her computer, analyzing the data to identify significant or interesting trends. Once the data is analyzed, she says the goal is to publish the findings in scientific literature, as well as incorporate them into Aquarium education programs and exhibits.

As part of this initiative, the NC Aquariums are installing new, interactive exhibits at their locations to highlight the ongoing Spot A Shark (SAS) USA program, thanks to a grant from the Walters Family Foundation. SAS tracks the location of sand tiger sharks using photos submitted by local SCUBA divers. Unique spot patterns on the sharks help identify individuals, providing insight into their behavior off the Carolina coast.

“By using multiple research approaches to better understand this shark species, we can do an even better job educating the public about the important role that North Carolina plays in its conservation,” says Price.

Doerr’s appointment is one facet of a broader plan to expand the NC Aquariums’ sand tiger shark research by incorporating new technologies, connecting the SAS and acoustic tagging data and teaming up with other science institutions across the country to help secure a sustainable future for this remarkable species. The NC Aquariums are grateful for the generous support of members and donors who help make vital conservation work like this possible.



## Donor Spotlight: Bob & Carol Mattocks

If the NC Aquariums were a sports team, you would find Bob and Carol Mattocks cheering in the front row at every game. Their decades-long commitment recently culminated in a pledge of a legacy gift to sustain their support well into the future.

The couple was invited to join the NC Aquarium Society Board of Directors by then-President, Neal Conoley, over twenty years ago. Since then, they have played a pivotal role in guiding the Aquariums and Society to success.

“Their unbridled enthusiasm, compassion for people and love of eastern North Carolina is resolute, and their support for the North Carolina Aquariums is extraordinary,” said Conoley. “In their own quiet and unassuming manner, Bob and Carol Mattocks personify the true meaning of philanthropy and I am proud to call them friends.”

Rooted in a deep love for the sea, the Mattocks have shared this appreciation with their children, grandchildren and beyond. They were instrumental in starting the Aquarium

Scholars program and helped devise innovative strategies to secure funds for renovation of the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores amidst a recession and deep cuts to state spending.

“Every time I go to the Aquariums, yes, I look at the exhibits, but I spend a lot of time looking in the opposite direction at the children and their faces,” said Bob. “I watch how excited they are and how they are learning. That’s real satisfaction.”

Carol added, “Who could not love the animals and love what the Aquariums do in their rescue programs?”

When asked about their legacy gift’s allocation, the Mattocks expressed a clear directive: “Use the money where it’s needed most. We just support the Aquariums. One hundred percent.”



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Clint Taylor



Maylon White



Hap Fatzinger

## New Aquarium Leadership: Familiar Faces in Different Places

Over the past year, the NC Aquariums Division has had a series of significant leadership transitions, beginning with the retirement of Maylon White after five years as Division Director. Marking the end of an illustrious career that spanned over three decades, White previously served as the Director of the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island for nine years, following 26 years at the Virginia and Marine Science Center. He built a reputation for excellence and served on the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Accreditation Commission, contributing to the advancement of zoo and aquarium standards worldwide.

In September, Clint Taylor was appointed as the new Director of the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, succeeding Liz Baird, who became President of the NC Aquarium Society earlier that year. Taylor, a native of eastern North Carolina, has been with the NC Aquariums for more than 18 years, starting as an intern at Pine Knoll Shores and advancing to Assistant Director at the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

“As the Director of Pine Knoll Shores, I am excited to be back and look forward to working with this team and

continuing our commitment to conservation and animal care,” said Taylor.

Hap Fatzinger took over White’s position as Division Director in January 2024, bringing over 25 years of experience with the NC Aquariums and AZA. Initially a volunteer at the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher, he progressed to the position of Husbandry Curator, then Director at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. He returned to Fort Fisher to serve as Director for the past five years.

“I am honored to continue to work with our teams to advance our mission and foster a supportive and inclusive work environment,” Fatzinger wrote in a letter to all Aquarium staff. “I will work alongside you to move our work and priorities forward, one step at a time, and one goal at a time.”

The future of the NC Aquariums Division is bright, with a strong leadership team poised to continue and expand a legacy of inspiring appreciation and conservation of aquatic environments.



# Achievements and Accolades

## The Aquarium Division:



In March 2023, all three NC Aquariums and Jennette’s Pier were awarded accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) until 2027, a distinction they have held

for almost thirty years. The rigorous accreditation process included on-site inspections by an independent team of zoological professionals and interviews with top officials at a formal hearing. All aspects of the facilities’ operations were examined to ensure they meet the AZA’s strict standards for animal welfare, veterinary care, safety, staff training, finances and involvement in education, conservation and research. This process must be repeated every five years to continue accreditation.

“Our state’s aquariums have long been recognized as leaders in animal care, conservation and education,” said Reid Wilson, secretary of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. “Congratulations to the entire Aquariums team on their sustained excellent work.”

AZA accreditation is recognized as the gold standard, providing the public with assurance that accredited zoos and aquariums maintain the highest standards of animal care. As members, donors and friends, you can take pride in knowing that the NC Aquariums continue to be ranked among the very best in the industry.

## The Aquarium Society:

In a year marked by inflation and economic uncertainty, the NC Aquarium Society achieved remarkable success, setting new records in revenue to support the Aquariums. Membership reached an all-time high of \$1.96 million in 2023, marking a 3% increase from 2022, and development and major gift revenue exceeded \$2 million.

The Gift Shop team also achieved two impressive milestones: gross sales rose by 6%, surpassing \$9 million, and donations collected for conservation swelled to over \$154 thousand, a staggering 51% increase from the previous year. These achievements not only demonstrate the Society’s resilience but also signify an exciting opportunity for the Aquariums to expand their impact.

“Continually, our team’s dedication and outstanding work are shown in our accomplishments, and I couldn’t be prouder of each one!” said Barbara Bayer, Society Director of Gift Shop Operations.



In addition to its financial success, the Society maintained exceptional ratings from two leading nonprofit evaluators. Charity Navigator reaffirmed its longstanding four-star rating, while GuideStar awarded its Platinum Seal of Transparency for another year. Both recognitions are the highest accolades these organizations offer and are a testament to the Society’s steadfast commitment to financial health, accountability and transparency.



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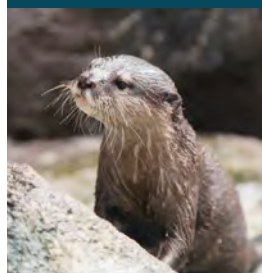
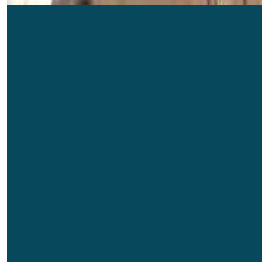
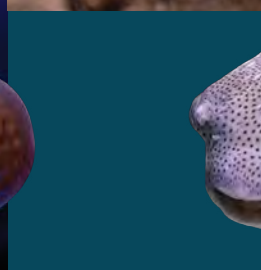
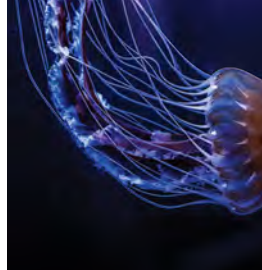
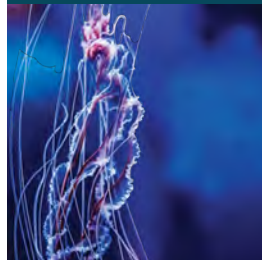
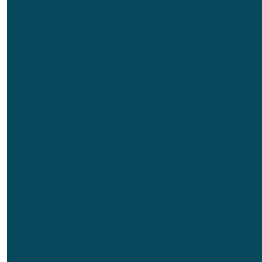
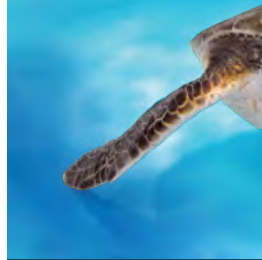
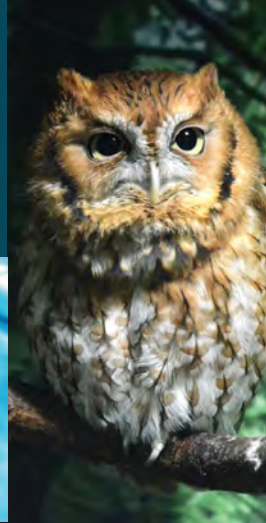
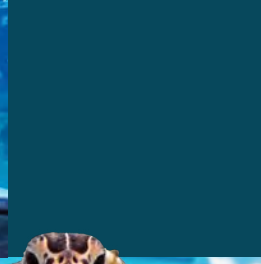
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## Jennette's Pier: Where the Community Comes Together

Since re-opening in 2011, Jennette's Pier has woven itself into the fabric of Outer Banks culture, offering a rich variety of family-friendly events and activities that mirror the vibrant spirit of the area and actively engage the community.

Throughout 2023, the Pier hosted dozens of public events, from fishing tournaments for children and Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) to blood drives and surf contests. Among these was Surfing for Autism, which brings together scores of children and volunteers every year for a carefree day of sun, surf and smiles. The free Surfalorous Film Festival, held in September alongside the Eastern Surfing Championships, celebrated the unique lifestyle of wave-riders.

From morning 5K races along the beach to free sunrise yoga classes, the Pier offers a variety of ways to stay active and centered. It continues to be a popular venue for weddings and memorial services, providing a serene setting for life's most meaningful moments.

It is also a place to grow. Dozens of school groups from across the state visit the Pier every year for engaging, hands-on learning activities led by Pier staff and volunteers. Local students in Dare County enjoy participating in service projects, camps and holiday celebrations offered throughout the year by the Pier's education department.

Jennette's Pier has transcended its role as a mere fishing hotspot; it has evolved into a communal space where lasting memories are created and enduring connections are forged.



## In Memoriam: Ray White (1944–2024)

William "Ray" White passed away on February 18, 2024 at the age of 79. Known for his generosity and kind demeanor, he was an influential member of the NC Aquarium Society Board of Directors, serving from 1990 until 2019, when he transitioned to Emeritus status.

White was deeply committed to serving his community and contributed leadership to numerous local boards and organizations, including the Dare Education Foundation, North Carolina Wildlife Commission, Outer Banks Visitor Bureau and Outer Banks Sporting Events Board. He was

particularly proud of his role as a founding member of the Outer Banks Community Foundation. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish OBX Bank, which later became TowneBank.

In 2022, White was awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award from Governor Roy Cooper in recognition of his dedication and service. His Aquarium Society Board colleagues describe him as a leader, gentleman and all-around "special person", who leaves behind an indelible legacy. He will be deeply missed.





## Reefs Within Reach

At the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher, 2023 brought a new way to experience wonder beneath the waves. In the recently unveiled *Caribbean Corals* habitat, a brilliant array of Atlantic fish, including tangs, hawkfish, sharpnose puffer and blue chromis, swim among delicate pillars of live coral. *Caribbean Corals* joins the already popular *Pacific Reef* habitat, providing a face-to-fin view of two distinct reef environments from opposite sides of the globe.

“It will be a long but fun process to watch as the system matures over time,” said aquarist Marc Neill. He looks forward to watching the coral colonies grow, giving guests something new to see every time they visit.

Coral reefs are among the planet’s most breathtaking and diverse ecosystems. These vast living structures, built by tiny coral polyps over many decades, are home to thousands of species and are vital to ocean health. Sadly, coral reefs face many challenges from the impacts of human activity, including pollution and ocean acidification, which in recent years have contributed to destructive bleaching events.

Through *Caribbean Corals*, Aquarium visitors are invited to learn more about these vibrant habitats and how to help them, whether through reducing plastic use, choosing reef-safe sunscreen or spreading awareness to inspire friends and family to get involved in conservation.



### Our Mission:

To inspire appreciation and conservation of our aquatic environments.

# Aquarium Scholars

## 2023-24 Aquarium Scholar Outcomes



## Cumulative Outcomes Since 2018



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100% of Aquarium Society Board of Directors  
Other Individuals



## NC Aquarium Society Held Funds

These named funds are held in accounts at the NC Aquarium Society for the benefit of the NC Aquariums as indicated below.

### Jay Barnes Fund for Exhibits

The Jay Barnes Fund benefits NC Aquariums' exhibits departments through the purchase of equipment to support their work, such as media gear, specialized printers and fabrication tools.

### Tetlow and Roy Park Aquarium Legacy Fund

Through support from the Triad Foundation, the Legacy Fund helps the Aquariums develop engaging, immersive new exhibits, expand educational opportunities using technology and innovation and helps them become more self-sustaining.

### Mark Joyner Fund

This fund supports the Mark Joyner Education Internship, providing a summer education intern position for a chosen college student, which rotates annually among the three Aquariums and Jennette's Pier.

### Jane Smith Patterson Aquarium Scholars Fund

Named in honor of NC Aquarium Society Founding President Jane Smith Patterson, this fund supports the Aquarium Scholars program, which provides access to the Aquariums' science and environmental educational offerings for underserved students in Title I eligible schools across North Carolina.

### NC Aquarium Society Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was established to generate a forward-thinking revenue stream to ensure that the Society can continue to support the work and mission of the NC Aquariums for generations to come.





## A Legacy of Leadership and Learning: Jane Smith Patterson

Jane Smith Patterson, a dedicated advocate for aquatic conservation and equitable education, has been honored by the NC Aquarium Society with the creation of the Jane Smith Patterson Aquarium Scholars Fund. This fund, supported by private donors, will provide grants to North Carolina Title I schools, allowing underserved students across the state to engage with Aquarium educators through field trips, classroom outreach and virtual distance learning.

Patterson has played a significant role in the development and growth of the NC Aquariums and Society, beginning in 1977 as an Assistant and then Secretary of the NC Department of Administration. She oversaw the Office of Marine Affairs, including three small Marine Resource Centers located along the coast. Despite facing challenges such as poor construction and insufficient funding, Patterson recognized the centers' potential and worked to revitalize them. Under her leadership, the focus of these facilities shifted towards conservation and education, and in 1986 they were officially renamed the North Carolina Aquariums.

The same year, Patterson was instrumental in the creation of the nonprofit NC Aquarium Society, and was elected

its founding chair. She remained active on the board until transitioning to Emeritus status late last year, securing resources for Aquarium renovations and expansions, including the addition of Jennette's Pier in 2011. Her efforts helped transform the Aquariums into globally renowned institutions, attracting over 1.4 million visitors annually.

"We owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to Jane Smith Patterson's unwavering commitment to the NC Aquariums and Society," said Drew Covert, Chair of the Society Board of Directors. "Her dedication will continue to inspire new generations of leaders in the field of marine conservation and education for many years to come."



**Contributions to the Jane Smith Patterson Aquarium Scholars fund can be made on the Society's donation page:**  
[www.ncaquariumsociety.com/donate](http://www.ncaquariumsociety.com/donate)



## Skinkin' Amazing, Stinkin' Adorable and Pawsitively Awesome

The NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores introduced paws, scales and otter tails to the Aquarium family in 2023. Visitors and staff welcomed new ambassador skinks, otters and a skunk and have been loving them ever since.

Two blue-tongued skinks, Bluey and Tili, are the newest reptile ambassadors. Their names were chosen by a community poll that received over 1,000 votes and are derived from a common nickname for blue-tongued skinks and an abbreviation of the skinks' genus, *Tiliqua*. The two skinks reside in the Aquarium's *Discovery Classroom*. Guests can meet them during the free education programs Creature Connections and Animal Encounters. They also travel with Aquarium educators to schools across the state for outreach programs.

"I love working with them," said Outreach Coordinator Nicole Warren. "They're really relaxed and have a good personality suited to outreaches. Kids think they're little dragons."

Otterly adorable Pee Dee and Rocky the North American river otters came to the Aquarium at the end of 2022. However, the young brothers weren't on view until 2023, when they were able to comfortably romp in the public-facing habitat together with older otter Eno, following a multi-phase introduction process. Named after North Carolina rivers, their amusing antics have quickly made them visitor favorites.

Boone, a striped skunk, had an interesting first introduction to the Aquarium family. Born in 2019 under human care at another AZA-accredited facility, the Cincinnati Zoo, he arrived during the temporary Aquarium closure due to COVID-19 in 2020. Because skunks are susceptible to COVID, only a limited number of staff were allowed to work with him initially, and he was kept away from the public. After slowly being introduced to outside areas, Boone participated in his first animal ambassador education program in the fall of 2023.

When asked to compare working with the otters and skunk, keeper Kristen Cook responded, "Our otters are super active and energetic throughout the day. Never a slow day with the boys! Striped skunks are nocturnal, so they like to sleep a lot. Trying to get Boone to wake up for a training session can be quite the struggle."

Cook's favorite thing about working with Boone? Unlike the otters, whose interactions are always through protective contact, she can get up close.

"I get the biggest smile when I walk in and see Boone just sitting there at his door, waiting patiently," she said. "He will get right on my heels and follow me around, then crawl into my lap and allow me to touch him and feel his soft fur."

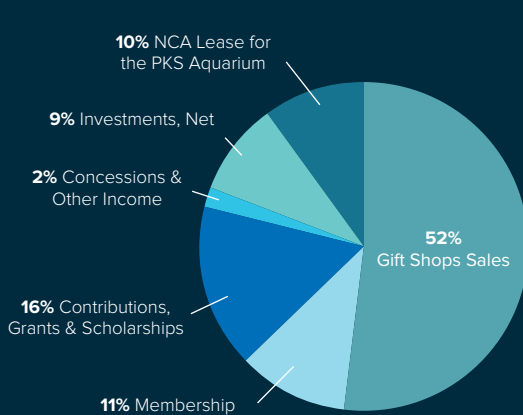
It's safe to say that these five animal additions have swiftly scurried, swum and sauntered their way into the Aquarium's heart.



# 2023 Funding & Revenue

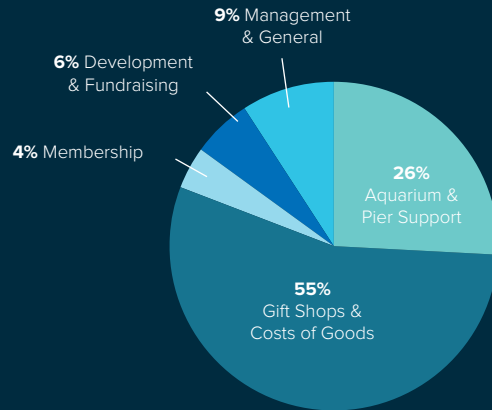
The Aquariums and Pier's enduring success is thanks to a dedicated staff, enthusiastic volunteers, broad support from state leaders and private support made available through the Aquarium Society. Using an entrepreneurial approach, the Aquariums now fund more than half of their operational needs from earned revenue and private contributions.

## 2023 Aquarium Society



**Revenue (Rounded)**

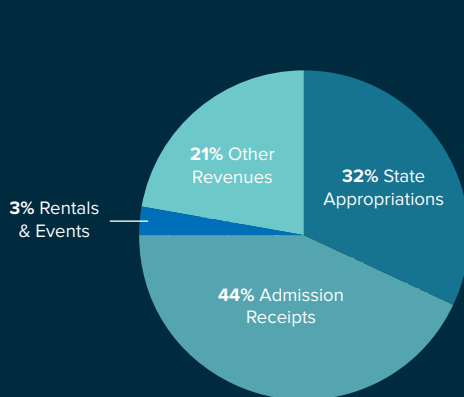
Gift Shop Sales	\$9.1 million
Membership	\$2 million
Contributions, Grants & Scholarships	\$2.8 million
Concessions & Other Income	\$500,000
Investments, Net	\$1.5 million
NCA Lease for the PKS Aquarium	\$1.7 million
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17.6 million</b>



**Expenses (Rounded)**

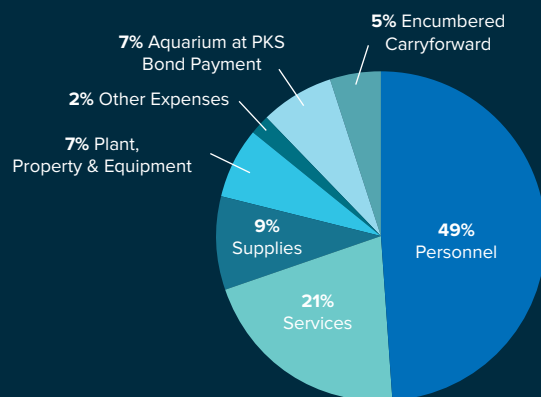
Aquarium & Pier Support	\$3 million
Gift Shops & Costs of Goods	\$6.3 million
Membership	\$500,000
Development & Fundraising	\$600,000
Management & General	\$1 million
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11.4 million</b>

## 2023 NC Aquariums & Jennette's Pier



**Revenue (Rounded)**

State Appropriations	\$8.3 million
Admission Receipts	\$11.2 million
Rentals & Events	\$900,000
Other Revenue	\$5.3 million
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$25.7 million</b>



**Expenses (Rounded)**

Personnel	\$12 million
Services	\$5.2 million
Supplies	\$2.3 million
Plant, Property & Equipment	\$1.6 million
Other Expenses	\$400,000
Aquarium at PKS Bond Payment	\$1.7 million
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$24.3 million</b>

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# Volunteer Spotlight: Related Only by Their Love of the Aquarium



## Rey Smith

Rey Smith, a dedicated volunteer at the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher since 2015, has contributed nearly 700 hours to the education department. His passion for the ocean is evident as he engages visitors and shares his knowledge with kindness and patience.

“It’s an amazing learning experience to work at the Aquarium,” he said. “I’m constantly learning more about the different animals here.”

Smith particularly enjoys educating visitors about the Aquarium’s alligators, Luna and Gantu, and was featured in a social media video to raise awareness about the impact of ocean plastics on sea turtles.

“Rey has all the attributes of a fantastic volunteer and friend,” said the Aquarium’s volunteer coordinator Dan Radley, adding that he often calls upon Smith to help train new volunteers. “He is so valued.”



## Dorothy Smith

Since joining the volunteer program in 2022, 16-year-old Dorothy Smith has already donated more than 300 hours to the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher. The teen’s love for the Aquarium, fostered by childhood visits and summer camps, is contagious.

“Her infectious smile and warm personality make visitors feel right at home,” said Dan Radley. “Dorothy brightens everyone’s day.”

Smith’s favorite spot is the touch pool, where she delights in visitors’ reactions to touching sea anemones for the first time.

“They ask if it’s alive,” she explained. “When I tell them it is alive, they’re just stunned.”

Inspired by her experiences, Smith plans to spend her career in an aquarium or conservation field and is passionate about engaging future generations in animal conservation.



## STAR Stars

Every sea turtle that enters the Sea Turtle Assistance and Rehabilitation (STAR) Center at the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island is unique. Still, there are inevitably some that stand out a bit more than others. In 2023, the Center cared for almost 300 turtles, but three in particular captured hearts and headlines.

First, there was Behemoth. The adult male loggerhead arrived at the STAR Center in August 2022. Despite tipping the scale at 250 pounds, he was considered underweight. Most of the Center's patients are juvenile or sub-adult, so, as the first adult male, he provided an exciting opportunity for staff. Behemoth's impressive size and friendly personality quickly made him a fan favorite. As his popularity grew, so did he, gaining more than 80 pounds throughout the course of his recovery.

A 209-pound adult female loggerhead, Miss Piggy, arrived at the Center soon after Behemoth. Although the two turtles never shared a pool, it didn't take long before they were informally regarded as the Aquarium's "it" couple.



After nearly a year of treatment, Behemoth and Miss Piggy were released approximately two months apart in the summer of 2023, cheered on by large crowds. Prior to release, the Aquarium team applied for a satellite tagging permit, which was granted. The tags track the activity of these reproductive-aged adults, providing data that help conservation efforts.



Follow Behemoth and Miss Piggy's Movement on the Aquarium's Website:  
[www.bit.ly/MissPiggy2023](http://www.bit.ly/MissPiggy2023)

As temperatures dropped in the fall, the STAR Center and local volunteers from the Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (N.E.S.T.), started to gear up for the busy cold-stun season. Sea turtles can fall into a hypothermia-like state in cold water, causing them to float or wash up on beaches, sometimes by the hundreds.

One of the first cold-stun patients to arrive in November was a total surprise: a hawksbill. Named after a character from *The Jungle Book*, Bagheera is the first of their species to be brought to the STAR Center, and only the second live one to

strand in the area in the past 15 years. Hawksbills get their name from their pointed, bird-like beak, which is used to eat sponges.

Although not as popular with guests as Behemoth and Miss Piggy, Bagheera caused quite a stir with staff and volunteers. From Wilmington to Raleigh, the Aquarium team buzzed with excitement as they shared updates and photos of the turtle equivalent of a rock star. Still under care at STAR, Bagheera is eating well and continues to improve.

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