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OCEAN EXPLORIUM HOSTS GALA DINNER EXPLORING SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

NEW BEDFORD, MA (October 9, 2013) —

The Ocean Explorium will host its inaugural "Exploring Sustainable Seafood: The ART of Pairing" Gala Dinner and Auction at the Waterfront Grille on Tuesday, October 29, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

"We are pleased that Chefs John Bentley, Lisa Dirienzo, Mike Melo, Sally Myers and Stephen Worden will be joining us" said Development Officer Amanda DeGrace. "They are meeting to determine who will prepare which dish, and what wines will best complement the menu. We will share more about the various courses once the menu is finalized. One thing is absolutely certain: Sally Myers will be baking, so the dessert course is guaranteed to be wonderful!"

The Gala planning committee has already secured several original artworks and extraordinary experiences for the Auction. Proceeds of the Gala Dinner and Auction will support educational initiatives at the Ocean Explorium, including student field trips, teacher Professional Development courses and public programs.

Ms. DeGrace added "With this event we celebrate and support our local resources: foods and those who harvest them; wines and those who produce them; arts and those who create them. Through this event we support educational experiences for our students and life-long learners. We invite friends who share a passion for food, wine and art to join us as we showcase the SouthCoast while supporting a great cause."

More information about "Exploring Sustainable Seafood: The ART of Pairing" Gala Dinner and Auction can be found on the Ocean Explorium website, oceanexplorium.org, or by calling 508.994.5400.

The Ocean Explorium is located at 174 Union Street in downtown New Bedford and is handicap accessible via the rear entrance. Fall hours are Thursday - Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission is \$8.50-adults, \$7.00-seniors and students with I.D., \$6.50-children between 3 and 17 years of age. Children under 3 and members are free. Call 508.994.5400 or visit the website, oceanexplorium.org, for program schedules, directions or other information.

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