



## **SHARKS & RAYS WEEKEND: A FIN-TASTIC CELEBRATION OF OCEAN ANIMALS AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM JULY 13-14**

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TACOMA, Wash.—Take a journey underwater on July 13-14 and explore Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium's two vibrant aquariums to celebrate Sharks & Rays weekend.

Experience a lush, tropical oasis of warm-water marine beauty in the recently renovated [Tropical Reef Aquarium](#). Guests can see rays and seven species of sharks: blacktip reef sharks, whitetip reef sharks, grey reef sharks, nurse sharks, zebra sharks, a white-spotted bamboo shark, and an epaulette shark.

The [Pacific Seas Aquarium's](#) habitats range from cold Northwest to tropical Baja California waters. Guests can see hammerhead sharks and spotted eagle rays. On both days, watch the hammerheads eat lunch at 1:30 p.m.

All weekend long, activities throughout the zoo will educate guests about protecting marine animals and their habitats, including:

- Become a shark researcher and find out how we learn where sharks go in the ocean.
- Check out the amazing teeth of both sharks and rays.
- Compare your wingspan to that of various ray species.
- Learn about coral reefs and their importance as shark and ray habitats.
- Discover what different sharks eat.

"Sharks and rays are beautiful animals, and they play a crucial part in keeping ocean ecosystems balanced," said Conservation Engagement Curator Wendy Spaulding. "We hope guests leave inspired to learn more about them and what they can do to help support them in the wild."

The event is free with admission or membership to the zoo. You can learn more at [pdza.org](https://pdza.org).

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