



## Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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# Media Advisory

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## **CBBEP TO PRESENT CHECKS TO THE TEXAS MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING NETWORK & THE TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM FOR ANIMAL REHABILITATION**

**WHO:** The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP)

**WHAT:** The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program will present checks to the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network (TMMSN) and the Texas State Aquarium on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.** at the **Aquarium's Sea Lab** for their animal rescue and rehabilitation programs. The financial support comes at a critical time as TMMSN rehabilitates a dolphin at the aquarium and finds itself in need of medication and equipment. The aquarium, which is providing the rehab pool and life support for the dolphin, will use its funds for animal rehabilitation with a focus on hawks and other birds.

This funding is a direct result of the *Coalition of Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation (CARR)* workshop that was held at the CBBEP in March 2002. Representatives from local animal rescue and rehabilitation programs met to discuss the management plan that included prioritizing funding needs and improving the communications network.

Other organizations that also received funding from the CBBEP include the United States Geological Survey – Turtle Stranding Network, St. Francis Bird Rehabilitation Center, the ARK - University of Texas Marine Science Institute, and individual rehabbers.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 18, 2002  
2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Texas State Aquarium Sea Lab  
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