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New Hampshire's First Aquarium Opens this November

Coming Soon, Living Shores Aquarium at Story Land!

<u>Glen, NH</u> – **October, 2019** –As Story Land's 66th season comes to an end, the beloved New Hampshire amusement park is excited to announce the new separately-gated attraction, *Living Shores Aquarium*, will open to the public on November 4! Just steps from Story Land, the indoor facility will operate year-round and houses over 32,000 square feet of activities for visitors of all ages to enjoy.

Living Shores Aquarium features four tide pool areas, where kids and adults alike can reach into the water and touch creatures big and small, from Sea Stars and Hermit Crabs, to Sting Rays and Bamboo Sharks! The Tropical Rainforest Aviary is fully immersive, and Lorikeets will soar overhead from perch to perch, while Red Footed Tortoises meander along the rainforest floor. More than 10 other exhibits will be called home by approximately 100 different species, including brightly colored Caribbean life, freshwater fish found in New Hampshire's lakes and rivers, and the well-known Clown Fish and Blue Tang. The center of the main exhibit floor is home to Living Shores' most entertaining residents — Asian Small-Clawed Otters. These social, intelligent, and vocal animals are sure to charm everyone with their mischievous antics.

"The majority of our species are in their infant or juvenile stages of life, which adds another level of educational opportunity to the experience," said David Houghton, Living Shores Aquarium Curator. "We are excited for our guests to join us as we watch the animals grow and develop over the next year."

In addition to its aquatic and animal exhibits, Living Shores also features two interactive discovery stations where kids can explore and create! The Augmented Reality Sandbox adjusts to valleys and mountains dug in the sand, allowing kids to see what kind of marine life lives in the landscape they created. At Draw Alive, children can design and color their own underwater creatures, scan them, then watch as they come alive in a giant wall-sized underwater environment.

"We're ecstatic to bring this attraction to life and provide another unique entertainment and educational opportunity for families who visit or reside in the Mount Washington Valley," said Eric Dziedzic, Story Land and Living Shores Aquarium General Manager. "Everyone who has worked on this project is looking forward to opening the doors in early November."

Living Shores Aquarium will operate year round, offering a variety of indoor, family friendly activities for all visitors to enjoy. For more information on experiences, dining, and more, visit <u>LivingShoresAquarium.com</u>.

About Living Shores and Palace Entertainment:

Living Shores Aquarium invites kids into a new, educational world of undersea discovery. Located right next to Story Land, the Land Where Fantasy Lives, Living Shores is a separately-gated immersive walk-through experience with over 32,000 square feet of tide pools, exhibits, and activities. Living Shores is owned and operated by Palace Entertainment, one of the leading US leisure park operators. The company operates Kennywood in Pennsylvania, Splish Splash waterpark in New York, Raging Waters in California, and many other family favorite destinations across ten states and two countries. Palace Entertainment greets millions of visitors annually and invites them to enjoy family-oriented and affordable attractions, such as roller coasters, live shows, variable depth pools, water slides, animal shows, miniature golf courses and arcade games.