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### **Amy Stitche Named Chief Finance Officer at the Virginia Aquarium**

Virginia Beach, VA – After a competitive and thorough process, the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center has hired Amy Stitche as the new Chief Finance Officer (CFO). Stitche joined the Aquarium staff in February and leads the accounting and finance team.

“With her breadth of experience in the finance sector and with non-profit work, Amy fits into our team perfectly! The Aquarium is lucky to have her,” said Cynthia Whitbred-Spanoulis, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Aquarium. “We are thrilled to see what she does in her new role, and excited to welcome her to the team.”

Stitche has a background leading finance and accounting functions with many healthcare organizations, bringing valuable non-profit experience to this new role. Stitche began her career working at CPA firms in Maryland and Arizona. She made the transition from the public sector to the private sector in 2004 and began non-profit work in 2006.

“I am proud of my time working for non-profits and look forward to the opportunities ahead at the Aquarium,” said Amy Stitche, CFO of the Virginia Aquarium. “Non-profit work and working for a local government give you the chance to make a difference in the community. It is incredibly fulfilling to be a part of a team working to help the Virginia Aquarium grow and evolve to fulfill its mission.”

Stitcher is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Virginia Society of CPAs, and the Maryland Association of CPAs. Originally from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Stitcher is a new Virginia resident and City of Virginia Beach employee.

#### Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center

The [Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center's](#) mission is to connect people to the marine environment, inspiring a more sustainable future. The Aquarium aspires to be a driver in conservation, education, tourism, and sustainability, leading the charge to save wildlife and their ecosystems. Owned by the City of Virginia Beach, the Aquarium operates as a city department in partnership with the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center Foundation. The Aquarium is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquarium, and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

The [Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supports the work of the Virginia Aquarium. The Foundation procures and maintains the Aquarium's exhibits, including the animals and habitats. It is also responsible for annual and capital fundraising, administration and funding for the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program, conservation and scientific research efforts, and the Aquarium's mission-related education programs. You can be a part of our mission by making a [tax-deductible donation](#) to support our programming.

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