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## VANCOUVER AQUARIUM BELUGA WHALE CALF DIES MEDIA BRIEFING AT 11 A.M.

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Nala, Vancouver Aquarium’s youngest beluga whale, born June 7, 2009, died last night at approximately 10:15 pm.

Nala was taken to the provincial animal health care centre where a full necropsy was performed. Vancouver Aquarium staff—particularly its animal care team—and volunteers are deeply saddened by this loss.

### Media Briefing

**What:** Initial necropsy findings on Aquarium beluga

**Who:** Dr. Martin Haulena, Vancouver Aquarium Veterinarian and Clint Wright, SVP, Operations and Planning

**Where:** Vancouver Aquarium Canada’s Arctic Exhibit (Lower Level)

**When:** Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 11 a.m.

### About Nala

Aurora, a 20-year old beluga whale, gave birth to Nala on June 7, 2009. Nala was an energetic and curious calf who enjoyed socializing with the belugas in the Aquarium family, including playmate Tiqa—the Aquarium’s oldest calf—mom Aurora and Qila.

### About Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium is a global leader in connecting people to our natural world, and a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display and interpretation, education, research, and direct action. Learn more at [www.vanaqua.org](http://www.vanaqua.org).

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A news release will be available at the media briefing and posted on the media centre page at [www.visitvanaqua.org](http://www.visitvanaqua.org) at 11:30 a.m.

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