



The BLUEprint master planning process envisions how the National Aquarium of the 21st century should look, operate and fulfill its mission.

To help drive our vision to change the way humanity cares for our ocean planet, three projects have emerged as organizational priorities:
the Animal Care and Rescue Center, Waterfront Campus and
Dolphin Sanctuary.

BUILDING A MOVEMENT FOR OCEAN CONSERVATION

DOLPHIN SANCTUARY



REIMAGINING THE FUTURE FOR DOLPHINS IN OUR CARE

More than 25 years of caring for and learning from the remarkable dolphins in our care have taught us so much about their unique welfare needs.

By creating North America's first seaside dolphin sanctuary, we are ready to usher in a new era for dolphins in human care.



DOLPHIN-FIRST

The individual needs of each dolphin take priority over all other interests, and in all decisions, we consider our dolphins first.

THE RIGHT PLACE

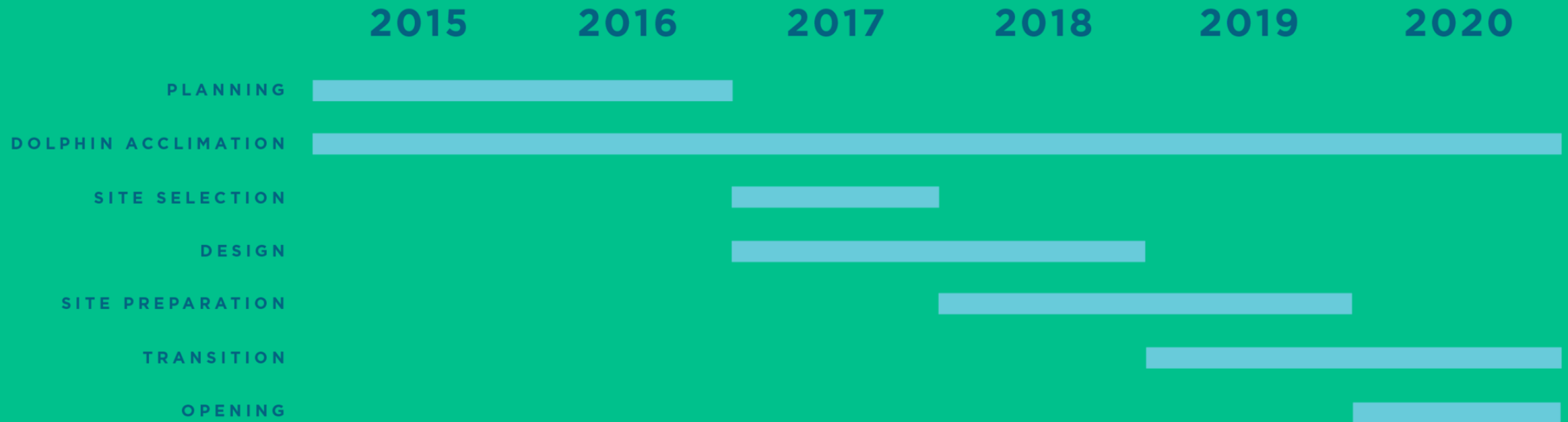
The right setting will provide our dolphins with opportunities to express social behaviors and experience more natural stimuli, like fish and marine plants, than possible in an aquarium setting.

A FOREVER HOME

The sanctuary will be developed to allow flexible habitats, customizable to meet individual dolphin needs, with state-of-the-art veterinary and lab facilities on site.



TIMELINE



BUDGET
\$15,000,000



Designing a Space to Thrive

In addition to representing a place, the National Aquarium's dolphin sanctuary plans are also defined by a set of principles and corresponding practices, with a "dolphin-first" philosophy that emphasizes the individual needs of each dolphin.

An Evolved Understanding

Our future goal for these intelligent and resilient animals is to maintain the highest standards of health and welfare, while creating a more natural, ocean water sanctuary in which they can thrive.



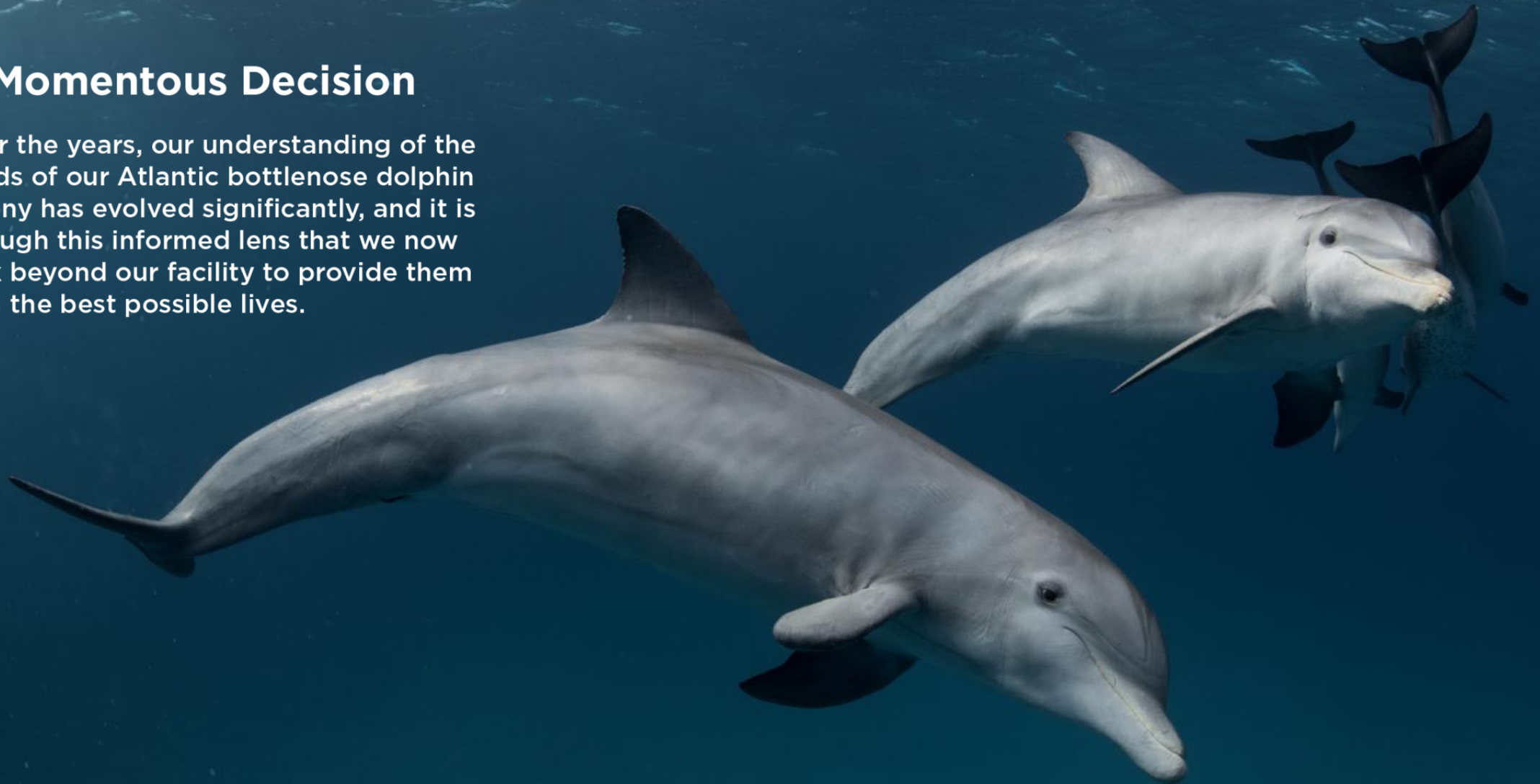
To provide the best home for our dolphins,
we must do more than rethink our existing space—
we must think beyond it.

By establishing North America's first dolphin sanctuary, the National Aquarium is creating a new option for these intelligent marine mammals to thrive under human care.

Building this sanctuary
is the right step to take, and now
is the right time to take it.

A Momentous Decision

Over the years, our understanding of the needs of our Atlantic bottlenose dolphin colony has evolved significantly, and it is through this informed lens that we now look beyond our facility to provide them with the best possible lives.



“The idea of providing sanctuaries for elephants, chimpanzees, big cats—and now dolphins—is a sign of a maturing ethic of caring unthinkable in past millennia, centuries and even decades.”

-Sylvia Earle, Marine Biologist and Explorer

Join us in reimagining how
humankind cares for dolphins.

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make a difference.

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