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Zoo Welcomes Regional Director of *The Ocean Conservancy* For Presentation on First Extensive Ocean Studies Conducted Since the 1960s

The event: Everyone from seafood buyers and farmers to homeowners and drivers have an impact for good or ill on the oceans. This summer, the Pew Ocean Commission released its findings and recommendations on the health of our oceans. And this fall, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy report will be released. Such in-depth studies on the condition of our oceans have not taken place since the Stratton Commission over 30 years ago. Gain insights into what these reports may mean for you as David White, Regional Director of The Ocean Conservancy (TOC), presents *Changing Tides: Developing New Strategies for Protecting America's Oceans*.

As a direct result of the 1969 Stratton Commission, the U.S. created the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Coastal Zone Management Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Sea Grant program. What results might we expect to see from these new national Commissions in 2003? Join us for a look into possible answers to this very question. RSVP. **(More at www.NaplesZoo.com)**

When: **Thursday Evening, August 28, 2003** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(Zoo doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is an open-air presentation.)

Where: In the Safari Canyon covered amphitheater at Caribbean Gardens: The ZOO in Naples at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples.

Who: David White, Regional Director of TOC, is responsible for conservation work on regional fisheries, water quality, endangered species, and habitat protection issues for TOC. Mr. White previously served as Regional Counsel for the National Wildlife Federation and is the immediate past chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation. He has over 16 years of experience as a public interest environmental attorney.

Cost: **FREE.** RSVP to Kathryn at The Ocean Conservancy at 1. 800-262-3567 ext. 23
(Note: The zoo itself will not be open during the program.)

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Mr. White will be available for phone interviews prior to the event.

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