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Caption: *Sonic Sea* probes the effect of ocean noise pollution on marine life.

‘Ding’ film *Sonic Sea* examines ocean noise pollution

The documentary film *Sonic Sea* continues the fifth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on March 1, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium. The film makes the point that quiet is essential to the survival and prosperity of marine life, and that today’s ocean noise pollution threatens this fragile world.

Ocean liners, oil wells, naval sonar, and other manmade sounds disrupt the symphony of the sea and have been correlated to whale beaching and other traumatic ocean marine life behaviors -- even deaths. Noise pollution impacts sea creatures’ ability to communicate, find food, navigate, and breed.

Sonic Sea has won a dozen awards including Australia’s Environmental Film Festival, Blue Ocean Film Festival & Conservation Summit, and Big Sky Documentary Film Festival.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 1 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

March 1 – *Sonic Sea*

March 15 – *Why Just One?*

March 29 – *Seed: The Untold Story*

April 12 - *The Future of Energy*

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds. To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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