



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Installation of Extech® Wall Begins at the National Marine Life Center**

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**Buzzards Bay, MA.** Today, construction workers at the National Marine Life Center (NMLC) in Bourne will begin installing an unusual wall – one made completely of translucent polycarbonate plastic by a company called Extech®.

The Extech wall is made up of two-foot wide interlocking polycarbonate plastic panels. Each panel has a honeycomb-like cell structure that increases durability and provides a high insulation value relative to similar products. This Extech wall offers natural daylighting throughout the hospital, reducing stress and promoting healing in the animal patients. The light provided will also allow NMLC to use less artificial light and thereby reduce its electricity costs.

Once the wall is installed, a mural made of vinyl decals will be applied. “The mural features the various species of marine animals that strand on Cape Cod,” explained Kathy Zagzebski, NMLC President and Executive Director. “We are excited about the artwork and believe it will be a beautiful enhancement for Main Street, Buzzards Bay.”

The architects who designed the mural and NMLC’s new hospital are Ginette Castro and Michael Oleksak of cosestudi in Rochester, MA ([www.cosestudi.com](http://www.cosestudi.com)). NMLC’s General Contractor is W.W. Reich, Inc. of Mashpee, MA ([www.wweich.com](http://www.wweich.com)). Extech® is manufactured in Pennsylvania ([www.extech-voegele.com](http://www.extech-voegele.com)).

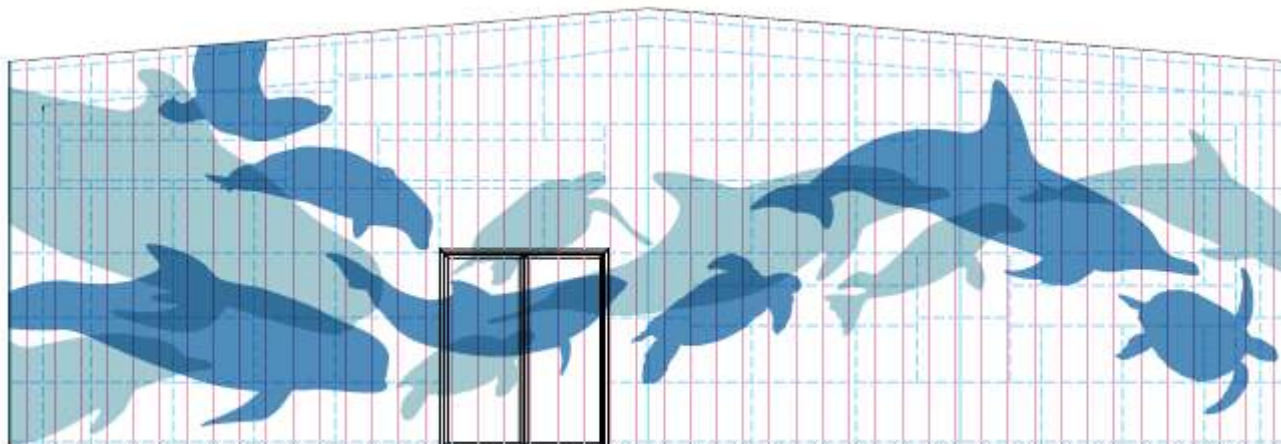
The National Marine Life Center is an independent, non-profit marine animal hospital, science, and education center dedicated to rehabilitating for release stranded sea turtles, seals, dolphins, porpoises, and small whales, and to advancing scientific knowledge and education in marine wildlife health and

conservation. Since admitting its first patient in 2004, NMLC has cared for 67 animals. NMLC is building a new marine animal hospital that will advance their ability to restore life to the ocean. For more information, to volunteer, or to donate, visit [www.nmlc.org](http://www.nmlc.org) or call (508) 743-9888.



Left: The Extech® panels will be installed on the north wall of the National Marine Life Center's new marine animal hospital, facing Main Street, Buzzards Bay.

Right: This close up of the Extech® panels shows the honeycomb-like cell structure of the panels, as well as the interlocking edge.



Architects' rendering of the north wall of the National Marine Life Center's new marine animal hospital.

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