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ACADEMY PREMIERES NEW DOCUMENTARY ON PERILS FACING WORLD'S OCEANS

Free screening in wide screen, high definition, 6:30 p.m., June 16

PHILADELPHIA—As part of an effort to raise global awareness of the impact of overfishing in our oceans, The Academy of Natural Sciences on Tuesday, June 16, will hold a free screening of the new documentary, “The End of the Line.”

Fresh from its world premiere at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival, “The End of the Line” depicts overfishing, overconsumption of seafood and the perilous effects it is having on the environment and on fish populations. After its local debut at the Academy, the film will be shown in select movie theaters.

Described by *The Economist* as “the inconvenient truth about the impact of overfishing on the world’s oceans,” the film follows investigative reporter Charles Clover as he interviews fishermen, scientists, politicians, and celebrity restaurateurs around the world. The film concludes that unless current trends are altered, the world could run out of seafood by 2048.

“The End of the Line” will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy’s auditorium. The film is free and no reservations are necessary. The event also will feature a short introduction by Dr. David Velinsky, the Academy’s Vice President for the Patrick Center for Environmental Research. The Patrick Center is a world leader in studying the effects of natural and human activities on ecosystems, developing strategies to enhance environmental quality and working with government, industry and community groups to improve environmental stewardship.

For more information on the film, see www.endoftheline.com

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Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3-12, seniors, college students and military personnel, and free for children under 3. There is an additional \$2 fee for “Butterflies!”