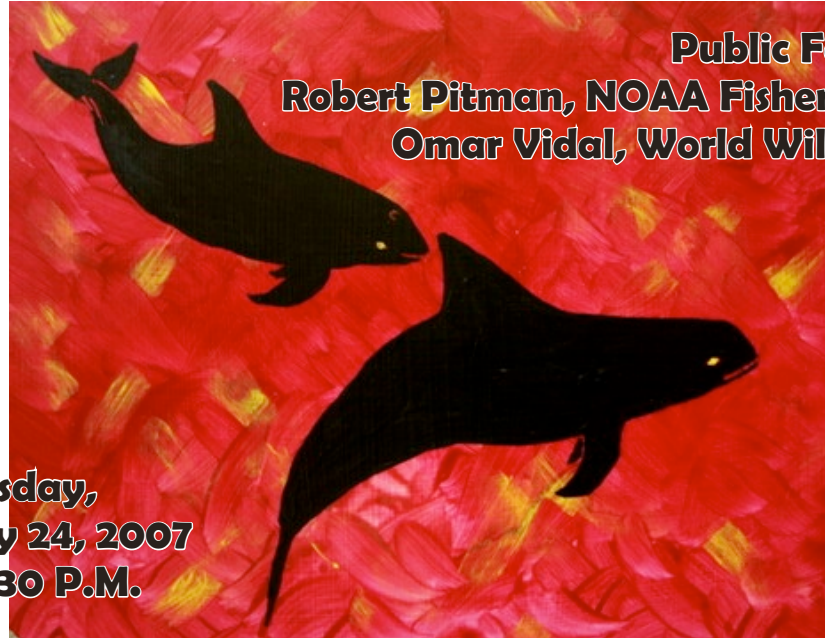


# Wake of the Baiji

**Baiji, the Yangtze River dolphin is likely extinct:  
Will Vaquita, the Gulf of California porpoise, soon follow?**



**Public Forum with  
Robert Pitman, NOAA Fisheries Service  
Omar Vidal, World Wildlife Fund**

Art by Barbara Taylor

**Wednesday,  
January 24, 2007  
6:30-8:30 P.M.**

**Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography,  
UC San Diego, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla**

In December 2006, scientists reported that the Baiji, a freshwater dolphin found only in the Yangtze River of China, was probably extinct after an extensive 6-week search failed to record a single animal. Tonight, researchers who played a pivotal role in that survey will share their experiences and lessons learned.

The loss of this 20-million year old species is the first dolphin to be driven to extinction by humans. With the likely extinction of the Baiji, the Vaquita, a porpoise found only in the waters of the northern Gulf of California, Mexico, now becomes the most Critically Endangered Cetacean species in the world. With a population of 200-300 animals and numbers declining, its future is uncertain. Hear about international efforts to save the Vaquita and learn what you can do to turn the tides.

**RSVP: Birch Aquarium at 858/534-4109 (space is limited)**  
Free public forum includes light refreshments  
and aquarium-museum exhibits

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