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Turtle Bay Resort Presents Its 5th Annual Seafood Festival

NORTH SHORE, O‘ahu—(July 31, 2009) – Benchmark Hospitality International at Turtle Bay Resort is pleased to announce the schedule for its 5th Annual Seafood Festival, set for Friday, October 2nd and Saturday, October 3rd. This year’s festival again includes the world famous North Shore Shrimp Trucks and the talents of the Turtle Bay Resort’s culinary team. Orchestrating this year’s event once again is Turtle Bay Resort’s Executive Chef Hector Morales.

This year’s schedule will be as follows:

Friday evening, October 2nd, at 6:30 pm, Turtle Bay Resort will start the weekend with a Taste of the North Shore Shrimp Trucks. All along the world famous North Shore of O‘ahu stands Shrimp Trucks. This is the one and only event where you can actually “taste” from each truck for one admittance price.

Music for this first evening is provided by the award winning Hawaiian favorite, Ka‘ala Boys. Ticket price is \$35 per person and ticket purchase will be available beginning September 1 at the Turtle Bay Resort Concierge Desk. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event.

Saturday Evening, October 3rd, at 6:30 pm, Turtle Bay Resort’s Executive Chef Hector Morales will coordinate the return of the Chef’s “Seafood under the Stars”. This event will include “food stations” manned and operated by an exclusive number of Hawaii’s top chefs, including Executive Chef Hector Morales, Turtle Bay Resort, Chef John Armstrong, Chef de Cuisine of 21 Degrees North, Chef Rodman Machado, Chef de Cuisine of Palm Terrace, Fred DeAngelo, Chef of Ola Restaurant and Mike Neubert, Chef of Lei Lei’s. Music for this event is provided by the well known and honored Hawaiian favorite DeLima Ohana.

Ticket price is \$55 per person and they are available beginning September 1 at the Turtle Bay Resort Concierge Desk. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event.

Both events will also include a silent auction, proceeds of which will again be donated to the Kahuku Library for their Bookmobile Project. During the year, Benchmark Hospitality International employees accumulate memorabilia from famous guest, suppliers, etc., to sell at a “silent auction”. This is the fifth year of this effort and we are expecting to actually have the bookmobile on site for viewing and to be able to raise enough funds to cover all

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operating costs for the next year. This event is the primary source of funds for the Kahuku North Shore Bookmobile Project.

Turtle Bay Resort is the only full-scale resort on Oahu's exciting North Shore, home of world-famous surfing, remote coastlines and exciting activities. The resort is located on a promontory offering wide vistas of the ocean from every room.

Turtle Bay Resort offers world-class golf and tennis, spa treatments, riding stables with ocean and trail riding, two lushly landscaped oceanside pools, seaside dining, North Shore and waterfall aerial tours by Paradise Helicopters, and 12 miles of walking and jogging trails along spectacular coastlines and through forested lands.

In addition, the resort is home to the famous Hans Hedemann Surf School where guests can get a taste of the world's best surf.

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort is operated by Benchmark Hospitality International and is a Preferred Hotels® & Resorts Worldwide property - a collection of the world's finest independent luxury hotels.

Famous for world-class surfing, pristine white sand beaches, and its charming country setting, the North Shore also offers colorful cultural attractions, innovative ecological endeavors, and environmental adventures.

For reservations or more information, visit www.turtlebayresort.com or call (808) 293-6000.

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