Dive into an underwater adventure!

Ocean Bound! gives guests a unique and breathtaking introduction to the majesty of the ocean. Through the exhibition’s combination of 65+ eye-popping aquatic species and ecosystems, high-definition video, and hands-on activities, guests can explore the ocean’s vast diversity and come to understand our connection to it.

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RENTAL FEE: $40,000
SIZE: 2,700-3,000 sf
SHIPPING: Inbound only | 2 trucks
Accompanied by technical manual, educational materials, and marketing kit
Exhibit components:

Intro Kiosk

What's a Watershed?
Make rain cascade down mountains and valleys, collect in rivers, then flow to the ocean. How many watersheds can you find in this realistic 3-D model?

Where Does Your Water Go?
Surprise! Beautiful 4’x5’ backlit map shows watersheds, lakes, rivers, and drainage basins in North America.

Flow or Settle?
Flip five clear tubes containing water with plastics, oil, sand, gravel, and trash. Which materials float and are easily transported downstream?

Underwater Adventure!
Spin through the watershed inside this giant submersible. From mountain stream to ocean, meet animals and habitats in eye-popping HD. Go frame-by-frame, backwards, or super-fast! An animated map shows your location.

Wildlife Close-up
Go deeper! Be a biologist! Get the fun facts on 65+ aquatic life forms.

Tied to the Sea
Sea turtles, dolphins, fish, horseshoe crabs, and coral reefs in HD! People depend on our ocean for medicine, jobs, and oxygen!

Stomp Drain Ball Machine
Giant ball machine shows how water and pollutants flow into waterways. Turn knobs or flip paddles to divert pollutants (colors) and let clean water (blue) travel to the ocean! (Eight interactive stations)

Guide Water Safely to Sea
Guide a water drop (blue ball) through a tip-table maze on its journey from land to ocean, but beware of hazards: oil, mined metals, and animal poop!

Balancing Act
Weighted colored bags = freshwater usage. Stack them on this interactive scale to show your consumption. Now...balance it with nature!

Science Saves the Day
River otters nearly vanished from their habitat; after waterways were cleaned up, they came back! See how biologists captured, studied, and released them. Watch otters eating and playing in HD.

Dead Zones
Fertilizer runoff makes oxygen levels too low to sustain aquatic life. But...good news! Dead zones are reversible!

Chemical Diagnosis
Rotate the giant water drop to find a single chemical pollutant in a million “water molecules”. Just one part per million can seriously impact water health!

Giant Ocean Garbage Patches
Giant Atlantic and Pacific garbage patches are trash that washed downstream into the ocean. Trash harms marine animals and birds—but you can help them!

Riverside Clubhouse
Duck into the clubhouse! Curl up and enjoy illustrated books on watersheds, aquatic animals, and conservation.

Watershed Warriors
Spot those polluters in urban and rural settings! Be a Watershed Warrior! (Kid-friendly touchscreen)

Stop! Think!
Connect human actions with environmental impacts! HD videos show how bad habits create polluted environments, while good habits sustain healthy environments. (Includes benches)