



## **Maylon White, Director of Exhibits & Animal Husbandry**

- 1. Where did you get your undergraduate degree from and in what major?**  
Old Dominion University – biology (concentration marine biology)
- 2. Graduate school degree and major?**  
Old Dominion University – oceanography (concentration biological)
- 3. How long have you been with the Aquarium?**  
Since August 1983
- 4. Briefly describe your primary involvement with the *Restless Planet* exhibit.**  
I worked with staff and architects to design a new exhibit experience for the Aquarium. I led the team to develop exhibit concepts and animal habitats for the renovation project. Because of my position, I served as the liaison for the general contractor, the city's project manager, architect, staff and Aquarium Foundation.
- 5. What has been your biggest challenge?**  
Keeping track of all the details required to make this project successful. This wouldn't be possible without the help of staff and Foundation leaders. Each day brings new, and sometimes unusual, challenges that require a lot of teamwork and energy to solve.
- 6. What are you most excited about guests seeing?**  
On the surface, I am excited about them seeing all the new animals and exhibits we are presenting. But I am really hoping they begin to see a new perspective on how our local environment is connected to the rest of the world.
- 7. What *Restless Planet* fact would surprise guests if they knew?**  
We will have some dinosaur tracks from Culpepper, Virginia, on display. This area is considered one of the richest sources of dinosaur tracks in the country!
- 8. Once *Restless Planet* opens, how will your job differ?**  
We will be fine-tuning work routines for the new areas. We will also be evaluating what works best and what needs improvement while keeping alert for any unforeseen opportunities the completed project may present.

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