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AWARD WINNING FILMMAKER HARDY JONES TO RECEIVE IWFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Hardy Jones is a wildlife and conservation filmmaker. He is this year's IWFF Lifetime Achievement Award Winner for Media. In 2000, Hardy Jones along with film actor and ocean activist Ted Danson co-founded BlueVoice.org. The Web-based organization uses television and the Internet to publicize ocean issues. One of the group's main concerns is the alarming level of contamination in the oceans - bio-accumulating in the food web from plankton to fish, marine mammals, then and humans. Jones has fought for nearly thirty years to stop the killing and capture of dolphins in Japan.

Hardy began his career in radio at WNOE in New Orleans and has worked for United Press International, The Peruvian Times, and CBS News. He has been a television documentary producer since 1978 when he made his first film, entitled **DOLPHIN**, with Michael Wiese. The film depicts a school of spotted dolphins residing 40 miles north of Grand Bahamas Island. Since 1978 Jones has returned countless times to the Bahamas to visit these dolphins and film them. Some of the dolphins have become internationally famous. Chopper, a 27-year-old male, was filmed by Jones for the first time in 1979 and appeared in the 2005 PBS film *The Dolphin Defender*.

Hardy Jones will be giving a Welcome Address and Keynote about The State of Our Seas on Tuesday, May 13th at 9:30pm at the Roxy Theater – International Wildlife Media Center. He will receive his Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday, May 16th at 6pm during the IWFF Awards Gala at the UC Ballroom, University Center, University of Montana.