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Last Chance to Catch *Monster Fish* at The Discovery!

*- The Wildly Popular **Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants** Exhibition
Set to Leave Reno September 5, 2016 -*

(Reno, NV) – Mat Sinclair, executive director at The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery), announced today that *Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants* will officially be leaving the museum September 5, 2016. This is the last opportunity to catch the 6,000 square-foot traveling exhibition from National Geographic on the West Coast for the foreseeable future, as it will now head to the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, TN.

“The reaction to *Monster Fish* has been truly remarkable,” said Sinclair. “This exhibit has drawn crowds locally and from all over the region. We are honored to have been selected as the first stop on its world tour and are thrilled to have been able to bring this unique experience to thousands in our community.” He added, “*Monster Fish* has been the perfect exhibition to bring to our visitors an experience that’s aligned with our mission to inspire lifelong learning for all.”

And bringing this exhibition here was truly a collaborative effort. In addition to other community partners, the University of Nevada played an integral role in making *Monster Fish’s* stay at The Discovery a reality.

“To have seen so many enjoy the exhibition, especially teachers and students from across northern Nevada, has been incredible,” said Jeff Thompson, dean of the University of Nevada, Reno College of Science where Hogan is a faculty member and researcher. “The exhibition is fun and entertaining, yet it also engages visitors in the biology, geography and other aspects of science that are woven throughout the exhibits and Dr. Hogan’s work.”

“It has been a pleasure to join in bringing this opportunity to our community and we express our appreciation to The Discovery and other sponsors for making this happen for our region,” Thompson said. The University will continue as an Educational Partner in the National Geographic exhibition as it makes its journey to other venues, including the Tennessee Aquarium where it opens October 1, 2016.

Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants features stunning life-size sculptures, hands-on interactive exhibits, and evocative video installations that put you face-to-face with more than 20 species—each at least six feet long or weighing in at more than 200 pounds. Museum visitors are taken on a global journey to storied river basins with

Dr. Hogan on his quest to find, research, and protect these freshwater giants and the habitats they call home.

Visitors can also enjoy the recently added experience that explores fish native to Nevada, *Underwater Nevada: Connecting Fish, Water, and People*. Created in collaboration with Dr. Zeb Hogan, this exhibit explores the freshwater fish, and accompanying aquatic habitats, of arid Nevada, with a special focus on Nevada's heritage tied to conservation efforts in the state.

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The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs and exhibits, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, visit www.nvdm.org.