

Raise to Release Program

AQUARIUM

Schools are responsible to purchasing (~\$1,500-\$1,700) and sourcing the needed equipment for your aquarium. See shopping list for details.

FISH RESEARCH LICENCE

Schools must follow schedule A of the **Fish Research Licence** that is provided when your eggs are delivered. FinS participants must sign and return a copy of the **Fish Research Licence** to the Bow Habitat Station FinS team and keep a signed copy for your records.

PREPARING FOR YOUR EGGS

Preparations for egg delivery will commence in December. School coordinators (applicants) are responsible for purchasing program approved materials and setting up tanks. Aquariums must be operational three days prior to the receipt of eggs. Bow Habitat Station's FinS Team will arrange egg delivery with the school coordinators.

EGG SHIPMENT

Approximately sixty-five eggs are shipped in January to each school.

Once received it is the school coordinators responsibility to assess the shipment and complete the Egg Delivery Sheet. The shipping materials must be returned to the FinS Team by the end of February (e.g. thermos, cooler and ice packs).

CARING FOR FISH

Fish health is dependent upon many factors and some mortality is expected to occur. Daily monitoring, maintenance and documentation* is required.

*If a project has an extensive mortality rate (>50%) for two consecutive years, a review will be conducted to determine possible solutions. This review may require documented information that School Coordinators must maintain throughout the project.

School coordinators will have access to an online FinS Education Portal, where they can access training resources, as well as connect with the FinS Team to assist with troubleshooting issues beyond what is listed in the FinS Technical Manual.

Bow Habitat Station FinS Team provides support to schools.

CONTACT INFORMATION

FinS Education Portal:
<https://your.alberta.ca/fish-in-schools>

Bow Habitat Station Website:
<http://bowhabitat.alberta.ca>

FinS Email
Fins.program@gov.ab.ca

RELEASE EVENT

A virtual training session will be held to help school coordinators prepare and delivery their release event program. One or both school coordinators can participate in the session and release event.

The FinS teams will work with the school to identify an approved waterbody and date (mid-May – early June).

In the event that a school does not maintain surviving fry, School Coordinators must advise the FinS Team.

REPORTING AND MAINTENANCE

The Final Project Report Form must be completed and submitted to the FinS Team before the end of school year.

Following the release event, the aquarium system and all program equipment must be disinfected as outlined in the FinS Technical Manual.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE PROGRAM

Participants that do not wish to continue in the program are required to formally withdraw from the program prior to the following year's application period. Withdrawal forms can be found on the FinS Portal.