

Mobile Aquatic Education Classroom

Space and Other Requirements and Limitations

1. The classroom and tow vehicle is 62 ft long and 15 ft wide (set up). Therefore, substantial parking and turn around space is required. The area needed to safely maneuver the classroom is similar to what would be required of a commercial "semi" truck.
2. Maximum occupancy inside the classroom is 40 individuals.
3. Electrical requirements: 2 @ 50 amp, 100 amp pull
4. Security and Safety: in general, the classroom will be parked at events in an area with minimal traffic, both for safety of students and visitors coming and going, and for security. If the classroom is to be parked at a location overnight, it must be secure.

Activities Available for the Mobile Aquatic Classroom: (Please note: not all activities are available at the same time. Additional staff/volunteers are required per each activity, listed below. Parentheses include the number of staff/volunteers required per activity.)

1. Live Fish Aquariums (1)
2. Live Aquatic Insect Aquariums (1)
3. Invertebrate ID (1)
4. Adult Fish ID (1)
5. Fishing Gear Setups (1)
6. Knot Tying (4)
7. Fly Tying (6)
8. Fly Casting (4)
9. Spin Fishing (4)
10. Salmon Anatomy Puzzles (1)
11. Saber Tooth Salmon Hat Art Project (2)

Equipment Available in the Mobile Aquatic Classroom:

1. Microscopes and dissection scopes
2. TV/DVD/Video
3. Computer capable of making PowerPoint presentations
4. 42 inch plasma monitor
5. Ken-a-vision (specialized camera)
6. Binoculars
7. Sampling equipment including "d" nets and kick nets
8. View finders

Accessibility Accommodations

1. Handicap lift (available upon request)
2. Aisles are spaced for wheelchair access

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Policies

1. All uses of the Classroom will further goals, objectives, and/or strategies of the [Division of Sport Fish Strategic Plan](#)
2. All uses of the Classroom will be consistent with existing policies of the State of Alaska and the Department of Fish and Game, and will not violate Administrative Code or Alaska Statutes.
3. The Classroom will primarily be scheduled for ongoing aquatic education events and activities of the Division of Sport Fish. The [Classroom Coordinator](#) schedules the Classroom in consultation with regional aquatic education staff and [area management biologists](#).
4. The Classroom is available for use in any community on the road or ferry system in Alaska, within constraints of the Classroom's size and [physical requirements](#), and the policies and guidelines listed here.
5. The Classroom will generally not be available to individual classes, clubs, or small groups.
6. The Classroom will not be scheduled for private use.
7. The Classroom will not be scheduled for events that are primarily fund-raising in nature.
8. The Classroom may be available on a very limited basis for participation in other events sponsored by other government agencies, school districts, and non-profit organizations, but the events must be related to ongoing aquatic education programs or the Department's or Division's mission.
9. Admission to the classroom may not be charged; admission to an event for which the Classroom is scheduled may be charged, but the event must be open to the general public.
10. At least one Sport Fish education employee with a Commercial Drivers License must attend the Classroom for all events.
11. ADF&G, Sport Fish Division, reserves the right to cancel attendance of the Classroom at an event for any reason. Scheduling of the Classroom does not constitute a legal agreement.

Guidelines

1. The Classroom is not available during winter (approximately October to March, depending on weather) because of dangerous road conditions.
2. Regional/area staff considers the cost of providing the Classroom to an event when deciding which events to attend.
3. Staff also considers the number of visitors expected at an event, especially in relation to anticipated costs from **Guideline #2**.
4. Providing aquatic education to communities with fewer opportunities may outweigh the higher cost and relatively fewer expected visitors at events in those communities.
5. Staff attempts to schedule the Classroom in the most efficient manner possible. For example, they may try to schedule several events along one route or in the same area if travel is involved.
6. Requests for the Classroom under **Policy #8** should be made well in advance, all requests need to be submitted by November 15th each year through the [Classroom Coordinator](#) or [area management biologists](#).
7. Organizations will be requested to provide volunteers or other assistance as a condition for participation of the Classroom at an event.

Mobile Aquatic Education Classroom Request Form:

The Mobile Aquatic Classroom (MAC) request form aids us in understanding what your event is about and what activities you would like to see at the requested event. This form also helps determine the number of staff or volunteers that are needed to adequately staff your request. This information will help the Mobile Aquatic Classroom Coordinator and regional staff prioritize the MAC events that are requested. We have included a list of successful MAC activities and the minimum number of staff required to perform each activity. The minimum number of staff does not include the MAC driver and technician that travel to the events. The minimum number of required staff in parenthesis and can be modified by the coordinator if estimated attendance warrants more staff. If it is determined that regional staff is unavailable to assist with the request, then the MAC coordinator can modify the request to match the staff available. Therefore, please provide as much information as possible on the request form.



**State of Alaska
 Department of Fish & Game
 Division of Sport Fish
 Mobile Aquatic Education Classroom Request Form**

*Only one event request per form.
 Please fill out additional forms for additional events in your area.*

Event: _____ Date: _____

Community: _____

Event Location: _____

Event Contact: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Estimated Number of Participants: _____ Age Group(s): _____

Has the Mobile Aquatic Classroom attended this event before? _____

If Yes, when _____

Activity	Criteria		Staff/Volunteers available to assist with:
	(please select from the following)	Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Live Fish Aquariums (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising (Creating & Posting Flyers)
<input type="checkbox"/> Live Aquatic Insect Aquariums (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Logistics
<input type="checkbox"/> Invertebrate ID (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specimen Collection (ADF&G Only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Fish ID (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set Up
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Gear Setups (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Actual Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Knot Tying (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Up
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying (6)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Casting (4)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spin Casting (4)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon Anatomy Puzzles (1)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Saber Tooth Salmon Hats (2)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			

***Please note that if you cannot answer yes to the above mentioned criteria your request may be denied.
 Please submit your request to the Mobile Aquatic Classroom coordinator by November 15th***