DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Parameters for Partners

San Francisco Bay Area Fishing in the City School-based fishing and watershed education programs

These parameters outline the roles partners play in development of a school-based watershed education and fishing program.

Premise

Fishing in the City is a community-based approach to creating repeatable fishing opportunities for youth and their families. Fishing events are offered as a part of a larger class exploration and study of the local watershed. Fishing is used as a hook to help students understand the importance of environmental stewardship.

Objectives

- Provide a positive recreational and learning experience for youth and their families.
- ◆ Create a link between watershed study and formal education programs.
- Assist youth in learning about their local watershed and how human activities affect the quality of water in local streams, lakes and the bay.
- ◆ Provide students with the skills and tools to continue fishing on their own.
- ◆ Serve as a catalyst for youth to interact with inter-generational role models.
- Fulfill the goals and objectives of each partner.

Partner Responsibilities

Participating School

- Assign an Event Coordinator to work with other partners.
- Secure commitment from all teachers in selected grade level for program.
- Develop and implement watershed study/fish ecology lessons prior to and following the fishing event.
- Provide classroom time for the "Fishing 101" led by service club members.
- Sign waiver for publicity release for students.
- Provide "Hold Harmless" insurance to sponsors and facility.
- Work with service club to ensure transportation of students to the fishing site.
- Provide first aid during fishing event.
- Complete and submit information form on school's participation.
- Display a banner at the event.
- Participate in an evaluation of the program.

Service club

- Assign an Event Coordinator to work with other partners.
- Provide volunteer mentors to teach "Fishing 101" in the classroom.
- Recruit volunteers to assist students at the lake (1:3 adult/student ratio).
- Secure rods and reels for the event and rod loaner program.
- Cover costs of tackle; tackle boxes, bait, volunteer refreshments (morning snack and lunch) and other incidentals.
- Check all fishing rods following the event.
- Display a banner to identify their organization.
- Provide lunch for the school children.
- Provide transportation for students from the school to the fishing site.
- Complete and submit information form on club's participation.
- Participate in an evaluation process for the program.

Lake Managers

- Prepare the site for events.
- Provide first aid equipment and qualified staff.
- Provide staff for event.
- Waive fees for the event.
- Complete and submit information form on agency's participation.
- Coordinate all onsite activities.
- Participate in an evaluation process for the program.

The Department of Fish and Game

- Recruit and coordinate service club, school and municipality.
- Provide expertise in development of the fishing program.
- Provide training to service clubs in "Fishing 101"
- Facilitate meetings, as needed.
- Provide biological expertise to lake, as needed.
- Help secure fish for the event.
- Provide "Kids Book of Fishing" and other publications or displays.
- Assist the teachers in development of watershed study program, as needed.

Other event partners

- Provide fully contained displays.
- Provide banner for display.
- Complete and submit information form on club's participation.

Other partners can include local science and nature centers, tackle retailers, water districts, storm water pollution prevention programs, fishing clubs or anyone else with an interest in kids, fishing and clean water.

If you have questions or would like more information on creating a Fishing in the City program in your community, please contact Ethan Rotman, Fishing in the City Coordinator for the San Francisco Bay Area at

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