



**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM (SIC) PROGRAM
ADMITTANCE REQUEST**

Thank you for your interest in the Salmon in the Classroom Program. Your request will be reviewed by April of this year, for participation in the fall of 2009. You will receive an acceptance or a denial letter in May of 2009. Denial letters will be accompanied by an explanation, and/or ways to improve your Admittance Request for the next year.

The goal of this program is to immerse third through twelfth grade students in a classroom based, hands-on learning opportunity, with repetitive exposure to salmon, their life cycle and their effects on the ecosystem, that will encourage a lifelong respect for the natural resources.

One of the many reasons for enrolling in the program is the diversity of subject matter that teachers can integrate into their lesson plans through raising salmon. The program can easily cover benchmarks in mathematics, social studies, language and arts, history and, of course, science.

This unique learning experience allows students the opportunity to raise, care for and maintain the salmon in their classroom from fall until spring. The program culminates at the end of the school year with the release of the young fish in a local watershed that feeds one of the Great Lakes.

The Salmon in the Classroom program is not for everyone. It requires a time commitment from classrooms to raise the fish for almost the entire school year. It requires schools to obtain the necessary equipment. It requires an educator that will teach students about our Great Lakes ecosystem and fisheries management.

It is however a very rewarding program. For many students, participation in the program provides a truly motivational experience. To watch life unfold before their eyes, to guide the growth and health of developing fish, and later release those fish into a natural, quality habitat can be a life changing experience for some.

Before completing your Admittance Request please read the Salmon in the Classroom web pages at www.michigan.gov/sic, particularly the Commitment section.

Please fill out all requested information. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Please send a completed application via email, fax or mail no later than April 1, 2009 to:

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Requested by authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Teacher Name	Teacher Email
Name of School	School Telephone ()
Address	Name of Principal
City, State, ZIP	Principal Email

PROGRAM SUPPORT FACTORS (CHECK IF THE ANSWER IS YES, OR FILL OUT APPROPRIATELY)

- The principal at your school is supportive of your proposed participation in the Salmon in the Classroom Program.
- I will make myself available to attend a 1 day mandatory workshop.
(check www.michigan.gov/sic for the available workshop dates and locations.)
- I will be free to answer correspondence from SIC Coordinators within a week's time.
- I already have a sponsor/grant to cover the cost of my classroom aquarium and supplies.
Explanation/comment: _____
- I have permission to take my class(es) on a field trip in the spring to release their salmon.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

_____ Grade level(s) of participating students for the 2009-2010 school year.

_____ Approximate number of participating students for the 2009-2010 school year.

_____ Approximate number of hours weekly that my students will participate in the SIC program or Great Lakes ecosystem and fisheries management related topics.

NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION COMMITMENT

What part of raising salmon in the classroom directly translates to learning objectives in your class?

What school subjects will this program be integrated with?

Other than the actual salmon release are there other potential field trips your class will take that will relate to this program?

Please elaborate on other plans you have to support the Salmon in the Classroom program

I certify that the statements made by me in this request are complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Teacher

Date

Signature of Principal

Date