

# OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION

an interstate agency representing: Illinois • Indiana • Kentucky • New York • Ohio • Pennsylvania • Virginia • West Virginia

5735 Kellogg Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45230



## Mobile Aquarium Requirements and Application Guidelines

### Aquarium Requirements:

- Event must be within 30 minutes of accessible waterway for collecting fish by watercraft
- 115 grounded AC power with 20 amp service within 100 feet.
- Fire hydrant (city treated water) within 100 feet and/or local fire department cooperation
- Drain / drainage area within 100 feet (preferably to sewer or storm drain).
- Firm level surface 40' x 15' paved (or other traffic-rated material) area for set up and display, (cured asphalt or concrete slab preferred).
- Set up location without sharp turns, curbs >6" or steep inclines >15°.
- Overhead cover (shade) when used outdoors and ample lighting are preferred.
- Access to area one day prior to event and one day after for aquarium set-up and take-down.
- Access at least 1 hour prior to daily event start time for maintenance.
- 24-hour security dedicated strictly to the Mobile Aquarium if used outside a secure facility preferred.

*Note: The Mobile Aquarium is extremely heavy (14,000 lbs empty, nearly 40,000 lbs when filled, and is supported by four main jacks and two support jacks). The truck and trailer measure roughly 60 feet in length (trailer = 40 feet). Please keep this in mind when scheduling events.*

### Application Guidelines:

- Events are considered based on the order that requests are received, staffing availability, and logistics. If a scheduling conflict arises, priority is given to the earliest request received.
- Preferred event dates are from April 1 to June 30 and from September 1 to October 31.
  - Events in July and August are generally less preferable as Biological Programs field sampling and research activities take priority, and higher temperatures make it more difficult to maintain fish in the aquarium.
  - Events between November 1 and March 31 are generally avoided due to unfavorable field conditions which can make capturing fish unsafe.
- Two-three day events are preferred.
  - Each additional day past the first is more cost-effective, as most of the costs are generally associated with Aquarium set-up and breakdown.
  - Events beyond 3 days are possible, but more difficult, particularly during summer months.
  - Events beyond 4 days are deleterious to the fishes displayed and are therefore logistically difficult, requiring fish to be released, the aquarium to be drained and refilled with fresh water and new fish. As such these events require increased personnel commitment, resulting in lower priority.

### Events that will be Considered:

- Fully sponsored / funded events within the Ohio River Basin that meet the aforementioned criteria and provide outreach opportunities, education and overlap ORSANCO's mission will be considered.
- Partially sponsored / funded events that will be considered include:
  - events located within the Greater Cincinnati area *AND*
  - events that have an environmental focus that allows for educational opportunity *OR*
  - events hosted by partner agencies, schools / educational entities or organizations such as watershed and conservation groups

*Note: All Mobile Aquarium events will be confirmed and scheduled or denied per ORSANCO staff discretion.*

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### Events that will be not be Considered:

- Unfunded / unsponsored events outside the Greater Cincinnati, OH area that are not environmentally focused nor overlap ORSANCO's mission.
- Any event that requires the public to either directly or indirectly pay admission to view the Aquarium.
- Any event that requests the Aquarium for private fundraising and / or individual promotion.
- The Aquarium will not be displayed to advance the agenda of any political or religious group.
- Any event where the aforementioned requirements cannot be met.

### Pricing:

Base price per event is \$1500.00, based on a single-day display where ORSANCO staff collect and release the fish, within 20 miles of greater Cincinnati, OH. Pricing can be kept closer to the \$1500.00 minimum for events where the fish displayed and / or interpretation services are provided by qualified biologists / environmental scientists affiliated with a partner Agency. Pricing for special educational events within the greater Cincinnati area is negotiable and will be scheduled based on availability, logistical feasibility and resources. Event fees are charged and used solely to cover costs associated with displaying the Aquarium and its maintenance. Individual event pricing is developed and calculated based on the following factors:

- The number of days the event will cover
- The distance to the event
- The number of hours of interpretation requested / required (minimum 1 hour per day)
- The number of ORSANCO employees required for setup and fish collection and their combined hourly rate + overhead and benefits
- Personnel meals and lodging (if required)
- Fuel cost for Commission vehicles and watercraft
- Aquarium supplies (cleaning supplies, ammonia fixative, dechlorinator, filters, ice, etc.)
- Semi-annual scheduled maintenance (brakes, tires, lighting, paint, etc.)

### Stipulations:

ORSANCO staff reserve the right to either cut short or cancel any event should any circumstances arise that threaten or otherwise interfere with either the safety of the animals on display, Commission equipment or personnel responsible for them. Refunds will be granted at ORSANCO staff discretion.

Invoicing will occur prior to any event for the full agreed upon price. Payment can be made at time of display or within fifteen days of invoice receipt. Payments are to be made out to "The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission" and remitted to:

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission  
5735 Kellogg Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH  
45230  
c/o  
Life Below the Waterline