



## **FishNet: The Great Lakes Craft and Release Project**

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Dear Teacher,

Your class along with approximately 2000 other Grade 3, 4 and 5 TDSB students is participating in FishNet: The Great Lakes Craft and Release Project. This project is supported by Harbourfront Centre's Fresh Ground new works arts program, the Ontario Arts Council, the Inner City Angels and by the EcoSchool program at the TDSB.

### **Exhibition**

The core of the project involves each student crafting a unique textile version of a Great Lake fish species that you have been studying in the classroom. All the student's fish will be exhibited in the York Quay Gallery at Harbourfront Centre from May 2 – June 22, 2008, along with fish crafted by artists and other participants.

The exhibition will consist of 3 main elements:

1. Approximately 1500-2000 textile fish suspended throughout the gallery to simulate the environment of a "Great Lake";
2. A visual timeline of the evolution of the Great Lakes as a bioregion;
3. A photographic matrix of all the fish included in the exhibit

The third element will consist of photographs of each crafter (student/artist) holding their fish in their hands as if to release it into the water. **Only the hands** of the crafter holding the fish will be shown, no faces or names of the crafters will be evident, in fact the crafters will be entirely anonymous. Only the fish will be identified by a code number which when matched to the photo will help a visitor locate it within the gallery.

### **FishNet Web site**

In addition to the exhibition, we would like to archive this same image on the project web site, [www.projectfishnet.org](http://www.projectfishnet.org), as each TDSB class involved in the project will have a web page featuring the fish made by the students and some classroom work (drawings, short pieces of writing) related to their learning about the Great Lakes. The name of the school and teacher will identify each page.

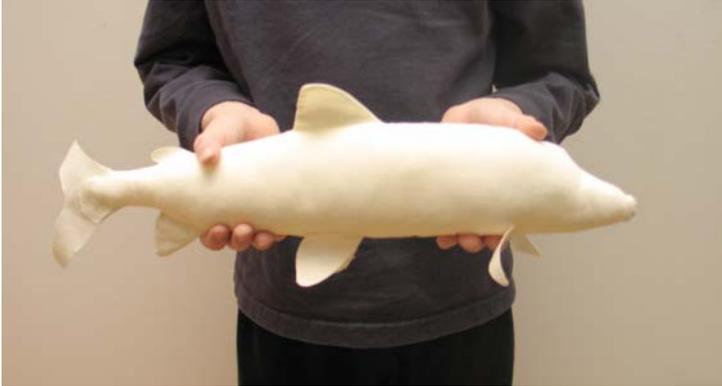
Again, as with the exhibition, neither your student's face nor name will be used. The only recognition of each student's involvement in the project will be through a representation of their work which will not be attributed to them specifically. FishNet has always been based on the concept of the collective and not on the individual maker.

*A sample image of how each of your students will appear in the exhibition and on the web site is shown on the back of this page.*



### **FishNet Photo Release Form**

As part of your student's participation in FishNet: The Great Lakes Craft and Release project, we are seeking permission to include in the exhibit and the project web site a photo of each of your students holding their fish framed to include only their hands. A mock-up indicating how this photo will be framed is shown below. This single image may also be used in promotional material and publications related to the project which will be of a purely non-commercial nature.



The school waiver permission form sent home by my school (previously signed by parents) will cover and allow for photos of my students holding their fish (hands only) to appear in the York Quay Gallery FishNet exhibition at Harbourfront from May 2 to June 22, 2008 and on the project web site for the duration of the project. It is understood that the web site may also show non-credited student classroom work.

**Name of School (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Signature and Class Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, please contact:**

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