

Trout in the Classroom: Important Information Related to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

How do I request eggs?

Please contact your local TU chapter, <http://www.tu.org/connect/chapter-search>, to receive the contact information for the state's Trout in the Classroom Coordinator. Contact the state TIC coordinator and contact David Deaton, NCWRC Fish Production Supervisor, regarding your egg request by the end of August. David Deaton can be reached at 828-659-3324 ext. 224 or david.deaton@ncwildlife.org. Eggs will be available for pick-up by mid-September.

How do I initiate the stocking permit application process?

Unregulated fish stockings can have unintended, negative consequences. As a result, a **stocking permit is required** to release your trout. Please contact the appropriate District Fishery Biologist (see map below for areas of responsibility) by mid-September. District Fishery Biologists will help you identify the best stocking location. Once a location has been agreed upon, coordinate with NCTU TIC Coordinator prior to December to complete the TIC stocking application. For more information about stocking permits, visit www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing/Hatcheries-Stocking.

Should I put aquatic plants and/or stream water in my tank?

As the case with unregulated fish stockings, the transfer of aquatic plants and microorganisms can also harm our public waters. Plant fragments, animal larvae, bacteria, or other microscopic organisms can be too tiny to see and easily transferred to the stream when releasing your fish. To protect our public waters from the accidental spread of these organisms, **TIC participants should refrain from placing aquatic plants or stream water** in their TIC tanks. Note – it is ok to grow common terrestrial vegetable plants hydroponically, in conjunction with the TIC tank. Also, if the only practical water source is from a stream, then the water should be collected from the same stream location that has been approved for releasing your trout. Teachers can visit www.protectyourwaters.net for additional information.

What should I do if I wish to conduct an outreach event (e.g., kids fishing day or informational presentation)?

Please contact Tanya Poole (828.329.3472; tanya.poole@ncwildlife.org) very early in the planning process (before January). They will assist you with guidance and information about how the NCWRC can help.

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