

Madison Area Aquatic Hobbyists

Conservation Breeder Program (CBP)

The purpose of the CBP is to promote the long-term maintenance of fish species that are endangered or threatened in their native range, and species that are rare in the hobby and at risk of being lost to us. This is a non-competitive program. Points are earned only for tracking individual accomplishment and meeting personal goals.

The CBP Committee

The CBP committee, under the direction of the chairman, will administer the program, maintain the records, determine the awards and make any changes to the program that are deemed necessary for the program to meet its purpose.

Alignment With C.A.R.E.S Preservation Program and Eligible Species

The Aquarium Hobby C.A.R.E.S Preservation Program recognizes the efforts of organizations and individuals for their efforts at the preservation of at-risk fish species. The MAAH CBP is a member of the C.A.R.E.S Preservation Program. The Conservation Priority Species At Risk List that is maintained by the C.A.R.E.S Preservation Program will be the baseline list of species in the MAAH CBP. A copy of the C.A.R.E.S Conservation Priority Species List can be seen in Appendix A of this document.

The CBP will also accept species that are NOT on the C.A.R.E.S list based upon one or more of the following criteria:

- extinct in the wild
- vulnerable, threatened, endangered or otherwise at-risk of extinction in the wild
- illegal to export from natural range AND rare in the hobby (at risk of being lost to the hobby)
- very rarely exported from natural range AND rare in the hobby (at risk of being lost to the hobby)

These fish are specific to the CBP program and may not be recognized by another official organization as being at-risk. The CBP committee may add a species to the list on the request of a club member who provides a compelling reason to include the species. A list of the CBP-specific species is found in Appendix B of this document.

Earning Points

There are two ways a person can earn points towards advancement in the CBP.

Distribution Points –

- Donate fish (minimum of six) to the CBP Table at MAAH general meetings: 5 points per species
- Donate fish (minimum of 12) to a CBP inter-club box swap: 10 points per

- species
- Document the gifting, donation or sale of fish (minimum 6) to another person or club (but not to a reseller): 5 points per species

Generation Points –

- Distribute the offspring from parents that were born in your possession in any of the ways described above, documenting that you have successfully maintained a species for multiple generations. 20 points (in addition to distribution points) / species / year

Levels of Achievement

Participants in the CBP are working to advance through a series of levels in the program. Points are cumulative:

Conservation Novice Breeder – 20 points

- The 20 points may only be distribution points

Conservation Apprentice Breeder – 60 points

- The 60 points can be any type of points

Conservation Master Breeder – 120 points

- 40 of these points must be Generation Points
- the remaining 80 points can be any type of points

Conservation Grand Master Breeder – 240 points

- 80 of these points must be Generation Points
- the remaining 160 points can be any type of points

Conservation Patron – 500 points

- 160 of these points must be Generation Points
- the remaining 340 points can be any type of points

Awards and Certificates

Species Certificate and tracking number

- When a person submits a species for the first time, s/he will receive a certificate acknowledging that species.
- A tracking number will be on the certificate, which is unique for each species a participant submits. No two tracking numbers will be the same, and will follow this pattern:
 - Member number – species number (from the CBP species list) – year of submission. For example: 003 – 123 – 2011

Levels of Achievement Certificates and Plaque

- Upon reaching the level of Conservation Novice Breeder a participant will receive a paper certificate of achievement.
- Upon completing the level of Conservation Apprentice Breeder a participant will receive an upgradeable plaque denoting participation in the program.

- Upon completion of each level after Apprentice, the participant will earn a plate that can be added to the plaque.

Conservation Breeder of the Year

- This award will be a plaque that is awarded to the CBP participant deemed by a panel of their peers in MAAH to have been worthy of being the CBP Breeder of the Year. This award is not based upon points. Criteria to be considered are dedication to the program, outreach to promote the program and conservation of species, or anything else that the award panel deems worth rewarding.
- The CBP committee will identify 3 – 6 nominees for breeder of the year, and produce a resume of their achievements for the year the award represents. A panel of 3 – 6 MAAH members in good standing (volunteers) will be tasked with reviewing the CBP Breeder of the Year nominees and choosing the winner.

Record Keeping

The CBP committee is tasked with maintaining the records of the program and the documentation of species submitted and maintained by CBP participants.

Submission Procedures

Distribution Point (DP) Submission

- The DP submission form must be filled out by the participant and verified by the CBP committee. The form will ask for the tracking number (except in the case of a first submission), date of birth and person getting the fish (if the fish are distributed from the CBP table the committee will make sure that portion of the form is complete).
- The owner is to submit, to the best of their ability, a group of fish that contain multiples of each sex. The minimum size for fry to be submitted is $\frac{3}{4}$ " or one half adult total length (whichever is smaller). There is no minimum or maximum age.
- Fish submitted must be born in the care of the participant.
- Fish are to be healthy and without deformities.

Generation Point (GP) Submission

The GP submission form is an addendum to the DP form, which will be filled out by the participant when s/he submits fry that qualify for GP.

CBP Submission at MAAH General Meeting

Fish that are submitted at a general meeting will be placed on the 'CBP Table' and offered to anyone who wants them for a \$2 donation to the club. The person who purchases the bag will fill out the portion of the submission form identifying the

receiver of the fish. Any bags that are not sold by the ***START OF THE AUCTION*** will be entered into the auction as donations.

Other Issues

Species Verification

It is important for the sake of accurate species maintenance that all species submitted to the program be verified before they are accepted. If there is any question as to the validity of the species, they cannot be accepted into the program. The committee will make every effort to correctly identify and verify all submissions.

Provenance

There are many species that qualify for protection that come from many different collection locations. Knowing the exact lineage of a strain, provenance, is important; there is always the potential that different varieties will someday be reclassified as different species. Therefore no species in the program may carry a location name UNLESS it can be verified that the fish provenance is proven. Fish without verifiable provenance may still be kept in the CBP program, but must be identified as 'tank strain'.

CBP and BAP

Fish that are submitted to the MAAH BAP program may also be submitted to the CBP at the same time. (This should only be happening once per species per person.)

CBP Distance Participation

MAAH members who live outside of the Madison area (including out of state) may participate in the CBP, but all of the requirements for submission must be met. This includes submitting fish at an MAAH meeting. If a person cannot attend a meeting they may send the fish for submission by proxy. The fish must be accompanied by all the appropriate forms, and be in the care of a CBP committee member who agrees to handle the fish. Any costs associated with getting the fish to the MAAH meeting are to be paid by the person submitting the fish.