

## FISH GIVEAWAY F.A.Q.'S

### ■ WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THESE FISH?

- We have Fathead Minnow Fact Sheets available for you to take

### ■ WHY AREN'T I RECEIVING MORE FISH?

- Based on the amount of orders we received, supplies may be limited, so we want to get fish to as many people as we can.
- Too many fish in a given area will limit their oxygen supply and source(s) of food. If you are getting fish for an artificial pond/container or other small body of water, no more than a handful of fish are needed.
- If conditions are ideal, the fish will breed and produce more fish on their own!

### ■ WHY WAS I ASKED ABOUT FROGS & SALAMANDERS?

- New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) wants to restrict the use of minnows in fishless waters that are home to these animals. This is another reason why you may receive less fish. If mosquito-eating fish are introduced into these habitats, they could affect the food supply. Frogs and salamanders help control mosquitoes too!

### ■ WHEN SHOULD I RELEASE THE FISH?

- As soon as possible. Oxygen is limited in the bags we provide, so the fish will not survive long in them.

### ■ WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT/HEALTH CERTIFICATE?

- These documents allow you to legally stock the fish in the bodies of water listed on the back of the permit. The health certificate is a requirement of the permit. Please review the permit. Once the fish are stocked, you may discard it.