

NOTE: If you intend to bring fish to auction please follow these guidelines:

1. **Stop feeding your fish 2 days before the auction.** This prevents the bag water from becoming polluted with fish waste while the fish is at auction.
2. Avoid mixing males and females in the same bag if the species is aggressive and the fish are sexually mature. Instead, bag the males separately from other males and from the females. The females can usually be bagged as a group. Then, either tape the bags together or place together in a larger bag if they are to be auctioned as a group. Large fish bags can often be obtained from your local fish store.
3. **Do not put too many fish in a bag. It is always better to use a larger bag or put fewer fish in a bag. Always.**
4. Do not put too much water in the bag. Fish depend on oxygen dissolved in the water and need more air than water to survive. **Fill the bag only 1/4 to 1/3 with clean tank water but use enough water to keep the fish submerged and in a normal upright position if the bag is laid on its side.** Use a larger bag if these two conditions can not be met at the same time.
5. **Double bag your fish with fish bags. NO ZIP-LOCK BAGS CONTAINING FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** To double bag: First, bag the fish according to the above recommendations. Then, place the bag upside-down into another bag of the same size and seal it tight with a rubber band. This helps prevent punctures and keeps fish from getting trapped in the corners. Another method is to single bag the fish using the more expensive 3 mil thick fish bags. However, these bags can be difficult to seal tight because of the thicker plastic.
6. **Use the proper size bag for the fish.** Common sense applies here, see #4 above. Bags of different sizes are available at your local fish store for a nominal fee. We also have bags for sale at the auction: 10/\$1.00. These are usually an 8 inch or 10 inch bag and may not be large enough for your needs.
7. **Bag the fish the morning of the auction to ensure they have a clean, well oxygenated environment.** If you have too many to bag in the morning use Jungle Labs 'Bag Buddies' and bag the fish the night before the auction. Jungle Labs 'Bag Buddies' are an inexpensive and really good solution to ensuring your fish not only survive the auction but look great and command a higher price. They are available at your local fish store. And are also usually available at CAS meetings.
8. **Keep the fish as warm as you can, before auction and after, by using a styrofoam box or cooler.** Styrofoam boxes are usually available at the auction for a nominal fee. Your local fish store may be able to supply you with one as well. Hand-warmers can also help keep your fish warm and can be taped to the top of your box or cooler to keep from making direct contact with the fish bags.

If your fish are improperly bagged, they may be turned away, or you will be charged \$1 for every re-bagging. REMEMBER, only 5 groups of the same fish/color morph can be sold per person. If you have several of the same fish/color, you can tape the bags together to sell them as a group.