



## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR ADOPT-A-FISH**

Occurs in mid-April each year.

Organized in conjunction with the Coho Society of the North Shore.

For elementary age school children . from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Location:

- West Vancouver Library for registration and issuing of a Certificate of Adoption.
- Juvenile salmon are released into McDonald Creek in Memorial Park.

Juvenile salmon are transported from the Capilano Hatchery to Hay Park by the DFO Community Advisor.

**Safety Risks:**

1) Crossing Marine Drive.

All students must be attended by an adult.

Crossing of Marine Drive is at the pedestrian light at 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Volunteers at the library direct the parents to use this crosswalk.

2) Carrying the juvenile salmon from the DFO truck to the stream.

Well defined trails lead to the stream.

Students carry salmon in small buckets and their attention is on the salmon rather than their surroundings.

Parents, Streamkeepers and EPN students assist in getting the students to the stream safely.

3) Releasing the juvenile salmon into the stream.

Students are usually attended by a Streamkeeper or EPN student when releasing fry into the stream.

Water levels in the creek have not generally been a problem.

It is not steep access to the stream but it can be slippery.

Adults and students must approach the stream with care.

**Equipment:**

All Streamkeepers and volunteering EPN students are provided with and wear a high-visibility vest during this event.

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