## **Grafton Correctional Institution Fish Breeding Program** *A Mutually Beneficial Collaboration*



## Opportunity knocks

- Letter sent to Zoo from inmate president of Grafton Aquatics Program dated 17 March 2015
- We suggested raising sportfish to release in public fishing areas
- The program decided to raise aquarium fishmaximum value in limited space environment
- Market drives supply
- We continued to offer technical guidance/advice



### Site Visit

- On 17 February 2016 CM staff visited GCI at their invite
- 30 breeder tanks were being maintained by 42 inmates in the program



 Grafton needed equipment donations to expand the program

• Grafton programs donate 51% of proceeds to a non-profit





















#### Donations to Grafton Program April-June 2016

• CM used social media and word of mouth to seek equipment donations for this program

• The public responded!

28 Aquariums

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 80 additional pieces of aquarium equipment



#### Donations to our Fishing Fund April-June 2016

- 4/15/16- \$1,350
- 6/21/16- \$705
- Expect continued support
- A mutually beneficial collaboration into the future



*"...give us a chance to do something that can help us redeem ourselves and do some good"* 

T.G., inmate President of Grafton Aquatics Program

# And it enhances the fishing opportunities in the park!



## Questions?



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