



Borrowing Agreement :: Inflatable Killer Whale

Mike, a life-size replica of an adult killer whale, is available for educational events in the Pacific Northwest.

Directions

Please [check the reservation calendar](#) to ensure the inflatable whale is available on your desired dates. If the whale is available, complete both pages of this form and email it to wcr.education@noaa.gov. You will be notified whether or not your request has been approved within two weeks.

Purpose and Intent

This NOAA Fisheries inflatable whale is intended to be an educational tool, a way to start a conversation about recovery efforts, and inspire all users to learn more about the endangered Southern Resident killer whale population. The inflatable killer whale is a life-size replica of adult male J26, Mike. [Learn more about Southern Resident killer whales.](#)

Pickup Logistics

This inflatable whale is stored in a 3'x2'x2' hard carrying case with wheels and a handle and weighs approximately 90 lbs. Lifting the carrying case in and out of the car is a two-person job. The whale is to be picked up and dropped off at the [NOAA Western Regional Center](#). A valid government-issued photo ID is required to access NOAA's campus. Please schedule a pickup time at least two weeks before your event by emailing wcr.education@noaa.gov.

Display Logistics

When inflated the recommended space is approximately 26' long, 10' wide, and a height greater than 15' works best. The whale needs power for the internal blower that runs continuously while in use. The borrower is responsible for securing the extension cords to ensure safety. Lifting the carrying case in and out of the car, inflating and deflating are a two person job, as well as engaging with the public at events.

Request to Borrow

All individuals and organizations requesting to borrow the NOAA Inflatable killer whale must complete both sides of this form. *NOAA Fisheries, WCR reserves the right to refuse any request.*

Your name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Event name: _____

Event location: _____ Event date: _____

Purpose and target audience:

Estimated attendance: _____



Borrowing Agreement

- 1. Return:** The inflatable killer whale is due promptly on the agreed upon date. Borrowers are responsible for pickup and drop off times and dates. Failure to return all components of the kit by the agreed upon date may lead to refusal to borrow again in the future.
- 2. Safety:** NOAA Fisheries is not responsible for any injuries occurring to any person using and/or transporting the inflatable whale. User further agrees to hold NOAA Fisheries and Landmark Creations International free and harmless against any claims; and shall be indemnified for any and all costs incurred due claims from anyone, including court costs and attorney fees and other related costs involving the use and transport of the inflatable killer whale. User is responsible for the replacement value of the inflatable whale in the event of theft, vandalism, fire, or any act, which may damage or destroy borrowed whale. The borrowing agency will be responsible for any missing or damaged items.
- 3. Display:**
 - a. Space:** At least 26' long, 10' wide, and 15' tall
 - b. Power:** The internal blower requires a 110vac 50/60hz and draws 3 amps. It is recommended to use a heavy duty extension cord when going further than 50' from outlet. A 25' extension cord will be included in the carrying case. Please loosely knot the ends of the whale cord and extension cord together to prevent the two cords from separating. Tape down for safety and monitor at all times.
 - c. Inside:** Place on smooth surface, tie down if necessary.
 - d. Outside:** We ask that you consult with us on duration, set up, and weather contingency plan. **DO NOT** operate in high winds, rain, hail, snow, or other severe weather conditions. **DO NOT** use on rough surfaces such as rocks, bricks, and any jagged objects. We have a tarp that can be used under the display and it comes with rope and stakes to tie down if necessary.
 - e. Adhesives:** **DO NOT** use tape or any adhesives on surface of the whale, on the blue stand, or the logo.
 - f. Supervision:** The whale must be supervised at all times. Keeping one side of the whale to the wall is best for two people supervising the unit. If you want people to explore on all sides, we recommend at least three people for supervision.
- 4. Maintenance:** Please do not attempt to clean the whale. If you must clean the whale, only use water and a soft cloth. **DO NOT** use any cleaning agents and **DO NOT** scrub the whale.

If you are uncertain about any of the rules above, please email wcr.education@noaa.gov.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By my signature above, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the rules for the inflatable killer whale and have verified the contents in the kit with the inventory list. I have met all of the request guidelines and acknowledge that I understand the inflatable killer whale borrowing agreement. I have read, understood, and will abide by the rules and borrowing agreement. If it is determined that the use of the inflatable whale is not being operated safely, then time of pick-up or return of the whale is void, and the inflatable whale is to be immediately returned to NOAA Fisheries, WCR point of contact.