*Fishing for sustainable code*

**The Winning ‘Code for Fish’**

On Sunday, June 15th by nine a.m. Pacific standard time/noon Eastern standard time all Fishackathon participants will be required to share their work to be eligible for the prizes outlined below. All submissions will be licensed under Creative Commons (see “License” at <https://github.com/Fishackathon/Monterey>). Participants may develop code for the US Department of State Problem Statements, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Problem Statement or both - and would therefore be eligible for more than one prize.

Participants will also receive two complimentary Aquarium tickets for a family member or friend.

**US Department of State Prizes**

Participants addressing the Philippines, Ghana or West Africa Problem Statements are eligible for a $5,000 cash prize for best **Quality of Code** and a **Grand Prize** trip for two to the Philippines.

Monterey Bay Aquarium judges will select **two semifinalists** on the morning of Sunday, June 15th based on the attached judging criteria. The semifinalists are eligible for two prizes:

1. **Best Quality of Code.** The semi-finalists will upload their code to CAST software – along with the semifinalists from the four other Fishackathon regions (Boston, New York, Baltimore, Miami). Therefore, there will be 10 semifinalists competing in this category. Note that all participants will have access to accounts at CAST to test their code quality throughout the weekend. CAST will name the **Best Quality of Code** winner on Sunday, June 15th.
2. **Grand Prize.** The semi-finalists will also be asked to prepare a one-page profile/overview of their application to submit to the Department of State judges. Out of the 10 semifinalists representing all Fishackathon regions, the judges will select **five finalists** to proceed to a Google Hangout on Tuesday, June 17th. The Google Hangout will allow the finalists the opportunity to have a conversation with the judges and talk more about their prototype. The Google Hangout will be aired during the Department of State’s ‘[Our Oceans](http://ourocean.info/)’ conference in Washington DC. The Grand Prize winner will be announced during an evening reception during the ‘Our Oceans’ conference on Tuesday, June 17th.

**Monterey Bay Aquarium Prizes**

Monterey Bay Aquarium will award prizes to the top two participants/teams that best address the Monterey Bay Aquarium Problem Statement based on the attached judging criteria.

* The top winner will be awarded a cash prize of $1,000 plus an overnight hotel stay for two at the [Intercontinental Clement Hotel](http://www.intercontinental.com/hotels/gb/en/monterey/mryha/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrs=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qIta=99504425&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=10&qSHp=1&qSmP=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb_u=1&icdv=99504425&siclientid=1911&dp=true) and entry to the Aquarium complete with a behind-the-scenes tour and a meal voucher for a local restaurant.
* The runner up will be awarded an overnight hotel stay for two at the [Victorian Inn](http://www.victorianinn.com/) and entry to the Aquarium complete with a behind-the-scenes tour and a meal voucher for a local restaurant.

ELIGIBILITY. The Fishackathon contest for the Monterey Bay Aquarium prizes (the “Contest”) begins June 13, 2014 at 6:00:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (“PST”) and ends on June 15, 2015 at 12:00:00 p.m. PST (the “Contest Period”). The Contest is open to residents of the United States. You must be at least 18 years of age as of the official start of the Contest Period, have an e-mail account, and Internet access. Employees of Monterey Bay Aquarium or Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and the immediate families and persons living in the same household of such employees are not eligible to enter the Contest.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS. A winner for the Monterey Bay Aquarium prize will be chosen by Aquarium representatives from among all eligible entries received during the Contest period. The Winner (the “Winner”) will be notified by email within approximately seven (7) days after the Content period ends. The Winner must respond (as directed) within 48 hours of attempted notification. The Winner must accept prize and must provide availability by December 31, 2014. The Winner’s failure to respond timely to the notification may result in forfeiture of the prize and, in such case, Monterey Bay Aquarium may select an alternate entry from among the remaining eligible entries. The Winner will be sent an affidavit of eligibility/liability/publicity release (“Release”). Except where prohibited by law, the release will state that Winner agrees to allow Monterey Bay Aquarium to use (without additional compensation) his or her name, address, photograph, testimonial, likeness, and/or biographical information, for purposes of advertising and promotion (including, without limitation, posting on Monterey Bay Aquarium’s website). The Winner may also be required to provide valid government issued photo identification, U.S. Social Security Number (for tax form purposes), current address, and phone number. Unless restricted by law, the Winner must complete and return the Release within the time period specified therein. An alternate Winner may be selected from among the remaining eligible entries if the original Winner: (i) cannot be reached; (ii) fails to obtain all signatures on the Release and to return the documents in a timely manner as required pursuant to these Official Rules; or (iii) cannot accept or receive the prize for any reason.

**Judging Criteria and Scoring System**

**Innovation:**

0: The solution is not unique or innovative.

1: The solution provides a better/faster/clearer way to solve the problem.

2: The new project solves a problem that has been overlooked/ignored in the past, or solves a problem with a new angle / on a bigger scale / on a higher level.

3: The solution addresses the problem at a deeper level, making existing solutions/efforts unnecessary through disruption.

**Total ( ):**

**Impact:**

0: Problem is not relevant to sustainable fisheries.

1: Solutions addresses a relevant problem for sustainable fisheries, but it is difficult to implement or scale and the team does not have a clear plan to move the project forward.

2: Solution addresses a relevant problem for sustainable fisheries, and it is hard to implement or scale, but the team has a clear plan to move the project forward.

3: Solution has a predictably sustainable lifecycle and can easily be scaled.

**Total ( ):**

**Interface:**

0: Not usable.

1: Usable but it is not intuitive without clear instructions.

2: Usable and clear without instructions.

3: Both intuitive and visually appealing.

**Total ( ):**

**Final Total:**