

# EARLEY LAB FISH FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS

All members of the Earley lab collaborate to maintain the fish colony and perhaps one of the most important aspects of fish husbandry is *feeding!* **Helping to feed the fish keeps them healthy and happy, and thus keeps our research program healthy and productive!** Each student will be required to feed approximately one-third of the colony 2-3 x per semester. Students should carve out a couple of hours for the first time. After that, it'll take ~1 hour to complete the task, especially since we have many fewer animals than in past semesters.

We feed our fish brine shrimp *nauplii* (baby sea monkeys) that are brewed fresh each day.

**Remember that Dr. Earley had to institute a policy due to numerous missed feedings - individuals who miss two feedings (during their entire tenure in the Earley lab!) will be dismissed from the laboratory no questions asked. Please don't take this to mean that your 1<sup>st</sup> miss is a "freebie" - we must feed every day!**

It is virtually impossible to describe the nuances of feeding the fish in this document so, if you are new to the process, *please contact Dr. Earley or the graduate students at least a couple of weeks in advance of your feeding assignment to schedule a training session during your 1<sup>st</sup> feeding assignment.* **Bring a pen and paper to the training session, and snap pictures if you wish...the protocol must be followed closely!**

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- Food will be prepared by 9 am daily (**do not arrive beforehand with the expectation that food will be ready!**)
- Plan to finish by 5 pm and please contact Dr. Earley if you think you'll be late.
- Please allow yourself enough time (avoid showing up at 4-4:30 without alerting me or the graduate students!)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SET ALERTS! IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT THE FISH GET FED EACH DAY!**