



KEEPING FISH CALM

A quiet looking fish is not a sedated fish! Just because a fish is immobilized and appears calm does not mean it is.



Suitable for All Fish



It is during the initial crowding stage when most of the fish's stress response is invoked. Increased stress reduces a fish's ability to ward off diseases and heal itself.

In addition, stress reduces a fish's ability to breed successfully and shortens its natural life span.

A small amount of stress by itself is not usually fatal, but as stress levels increase, a fish's ability to cope with it decreases. Thus, one of the most important goals of a fish exporter is to remove sources of stress wherever possible.

Sedatives and Anesthetics play a large role in reducing stress during any Transportation & Handling of fish.



Holding Tanks



Why use a sedative / anesthetic? - STRESS! A common problem that occurs from any handling or during transportation of fish. Use of sedatives/anesthetics will allow the fish to quickly normalize after transportation & handling.

What anesthetic to use? - As prescription drugs, there are currently two anesthetics approved for use in fish in the USA and Canada. They are TRICAINE-S (MS-222) and TRANQUIL (Metomidate).



Handling Fish (Anesthesia)



Packing Fish



Transportation of Fish