

LIVING ELEMENTS VENDOR PROFILE

President: *Philip E. Bruecker*

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Function: *Collection of marine fishes, invertebrates, and plants for scientific and educational purposes (Canadian waters only).*

Do you operate with permits and/or licenses?

We are a licensed through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Scientific License program and U.S. Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit. Details can be provided upon request.

What is your enclosure and tank set up like?

We operate exclusively on an order basis. While collecting, we keep our animals in perforated containers hanging in the sea water under our boat house. The animals are separated by species and/or by individuals if there is potential for intraspecies aggression. With the animals directly in the ocean we do not have need of LSS. Due to the very short holding time and our location we do not have need of any support facilities such as holding areas, quarantine, incubation or nursery areas.

Do you have veterinary care at your facility?

We have Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) certified Aquatic Veterinarian who performs regular inspections and can conduct more specific inspections upon request.

Do you perform any prophylactic treatments on your animals prior to selling?

No. We collect healthy animals and hold them for short periods, so they do not receive any prophylactic treatments in our care.

How do we keep records and identify animals?

Our collectors have extensive knowledge of local biodiversity. Upon collecting the animals the holding containers are labeled and a list of current animals and their relevant order information is kept on hand.

What methods do we use to collect our animals?

To summarize: we collect the animals ourselves using SCUBA, hand nets, beach seines, traps, hook & line, and hand picking. A full description of our methods and practices can be found in the "About Us" section of this website.

References:

Monterey Bay Aquarium: (408)648-4800

Steinhart Aquarium: (415)750-7250

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