



MEMORANDUM

**To:** Aquatic Animal Care Services (AqACS) Users

**From:** Tim Mason, AqACS Manager, and the AqACS Faculty Advisory Committee  
Judith Eisen, AqACS Faculty Advisory Committee Chair

**CC:** Brad Shelton, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI),  
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Research Core Business Services (RCB)

**Date:** April 20, 2015

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2016 Rates – 11.35% Rate Decrease

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**Introduction:**

Aquatic Animal Care Services (AqACS) is a UO Research Core Facility (RCF). The AqACS Faculty Advisory Committee (J. Eisen, K. Guillemain, J. Postlethwait), the Office of Research and Innovation (W. Cresko), Research Core Business Services (S. Williams-Wright), and the AqACS Manager (T. Mason) have conducted the annual cost analysis as required by the Office of Research and Innovation in order to provide for the financial stability and sustainability of AqACS and to enable AqACS to meet its fiscal obligations set forth in university, state, and federal policies and regulations.

This cost analysis process is designed to consistently review all Research Core Facilities (RCF) resources in proportion to total cost and to allow for adjustments of service rates as needed to maintain the RCF cost recovery compliance as defined in UO Budget and Resource Planning policy for recharge centers.

For more information about the annual cost analysis and rate setting process use this link:  
<http://rcf.uoregon.edu/content/rcf-rate-process>

When the FAC met on March 12, 2015 it was agreed that an anticipated 20% tank space volume growth could be sustained without purchasing tank infrastructure in FY16. However, if volume growth continues into FY17 beyond a 40% increase in tank space the facility will need to purchase additional infrastructure that will likely impact the rates. If tank usage were to increase beyond 40% in FY17 the rates could increase as high as \$14.90 (8.36%) to support the growth. This scenario was discussed and accepted by the FAC on behalf of the facility and its users. The reality realized by everyone involved was that even

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if the rate rises to \$14.90 in FY17, the rate would be lower than the current FY15 rate of \$15.51 per tank space. Discussion involving rate scenarios and the potential future of the facility is part of the rate setting process. Information about possible future rate scenarios is included to help facility users understand the process and also help in rate predictions as users move forward with grant writing activities.

**FY16 Rates Effective July 1, 2015:**

Internal Rates:

Zebrafish Tank Space Rate: \$13.75 per month

Tech Time Rate: \$30.00 per hour

External Rates:

Zebrafish Tank Space Rate: \$20.75 per month

Tech Time Rate: \$50.00 per hour

Please direct any questions related to the FY16 rates and/or the rate setting process to any FAC member or to Tim Mason, 541-346-4598, [tmason@uoregon.edu](mailto:tmason@uoregon.edu).