

## FISH LADDER KEVA CHALLENGE



**TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS** 

Decide how you want your students to collaborate on the project working in pairs or one group per table

- 1. Go to **<u>ogestem.com</u>** on the smart board and click on the **"Maker Space"** button
- 2. Scroll down to Fish Ladder Challenge for background information
- 3. Show Science Man Digital Lesson "Salmon Ladder" video (2:24 minutes)
- 4. Point out other examples of fish ladders on the maker space page
- 5. Show the **"Salmon Super Highway" video** (2:31 minutes) to show **how STEM was used** to solve the problem of salmon being restricted by culverts and roads
- 6. Introduce KEVA challenge review requirements
- 7. **Hand out Keva tiles**, challenge cards, and fish to each group (teacher can decide on time limit)
- 8. When students are ready to test their design, have a teacher give the fish ladder 3 puffs of air to represent the water current. Also have students demonstrate their fish moving through the ladder. Have them improve the design if needed.
- If students have successfully completed their challenge and there is time, they can design a bridge as seen in the Salmon Super Highway video
- 10. When finished with the challenge, return Keva tiles /containers and supplies to the table for the next class.

## TAKE PHOTOS AND UPLOAD EVIDENCE

to be entered into a drawing for Salmon Super Highway bling (and provide any feedback on how we can improve this activity)

Optional:

- show Lifecyle of Salmon video (4:51 minutes)
- Have the <u>explore.org</u> salmon cam or other Fat Bear live cam showing while students are working (link at bottom of maker space page)



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