



# Exotic Species Research Permit Application

(for exotic fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants)

**Application  
Fee  
\$263**

For assistance completing this form, please call 512-389-4742 or email IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov  
This application will not be considered unless fully completed and all fees are received.

**1. PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Effective September 1, 2015, Texas Parks & Wildlife is required to collect Social Security numbers for the purpose of child support enforcement under the Texas Family Code, Section 231.302 and Federal Statute 42 U.S.C. §666. Missing or incomplete information may delay application processing time.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Driver's License (DL) #: \_\_\_\_\_ DL State: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip County

Telephone Numbers: Primary: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Secondary: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to help us reduce paper by choosing to receive your permit by email?  Yes  No**

**2. CO-APPLICANTS:** Are there other researchers or individuals who supervise permitted activities or engage in permitted activities without primary applicant supervision?  Yes  No

If yes, they should be listed as co-applicants; attach PWD 1420-T3200, Permit Applicants Addendum found here: [https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd\\_1420\\_t3200\\_permit\\_applicants\\_addendum.pdf](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1420_t3200_permit_applicants_addendum.pdf)

**3. RESEARCHER QUALIFICATIONS:** Attach a copy of the primary applicant's *curriculum vitae* or a brief description of qualifications to conduct research using harmful or potentially harmful exotic fish, shellfish, or aquatic plants.

**4. RESEARCH PROPOSAL:** Attach a detailed research proposal including the following sections:

(1) Objectives and Expected Benefits, (2) Species Information, (3) Methods, and (4) Project Timeline.

**Proposals that do not follow this format or that are incomplete will be returned to the applicant.**

Species information must clearly identify species (common and scientific name) you intend to collect, location(s) of collection/release and final disposition of species. Proposal methodology must clearly describe measures that will be implemented to prevent release, discharge, escape or introduction of exotic species.

**5. FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**A. Facility Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip County

**B. Facility Owner (if other than applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. FACILITY INFORMATION (continued)**

C. Facility Map: Print and attach a facility map to your application that shows and labels the specific location of the research facilities including locations of ponds, tanks, greenhouses, aquaria, etc. Indicate where all drains, screens or other structures are in place to prevent release, discharge, removal or escape of the permitted species.

D. Is the facility designed as such that a discharge of waste into or adjacent to state waters will likely occur?  
 Yes  No

If yes, attach a copy of your wastewater discharge permit OR a Notice of Water Quality Authorization from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Attachment 1 of the General Permit TXG130000).

E. Emergency Plan: If your facility is located in the Exotic Species Exclusion Zone (east of IH-35 and south of Hwy 21) please attach PWD 1421, Exotic Species Aquaculture Emergency Plan (Forms are available at: [https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd\\_1421\\_t3200\\_exotic\\_species\\_aquaculture\\_emergency\\_plan.pdf](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1421_t3200_exotic_species_aquaculture_emergency_plan.pdf))

Emergency Plan attached  Not in Exotic Species Exclusion Zone

F. Contact person for facility inspection:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to schedule the inspection?  Phone  Email

**5. AFFIDAVIT:**

I certify that

(1) I have received and read the Harmful or Potentially Harmful Exotic Fish, Shellfish and Aquatic Plant rules (31 TAC Ch.57A:

[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=5&ti=31&pt=2&ch=57&sch=A&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=31&pt=2&ch=57&sch=A&rl=Y)) and

(2) I understand that I must permit authorized Department personnel to inspect facilities during normal business hours and randomly take samples of live exotic species in my possession for identification purposes if deemed necessary at any time.

I understand that under Texas Penal Code §37.10, it is a felony to make a false statement on this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return completed application, proposal, facility map, emergency plan (if needed) and \$263 fee to:

Permit Coordinator, Inland Fisheries  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744

**TPWD may refuse issuance of a permit if the applicant has received a final conviction for a violation of Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, §§66.007, 66.0072, and 66.015, or Texas Administrative Code Title 31 Subchapter 57A (pertaining to harmful or potentially harmful exotic species), or if the application or facility fail to meet the requirements of this subchapter.**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.