Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting System

Scientific Research Permit (SRP) Permit Instruction Manual

https://apps.tpwd.texas.gov/permitting

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Overview

This manual provides detailed guidance for applicants and Scientific Research Permit holders on effectively using the <u>Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting</u> online system. The Permitting system is the designated platform for managing all aspects of permit-related activities. To maintain permit compliance, it is crucial to understand the functions and features of this system.

The Permitting system must be used to:

- Submit new permit applications;
- Download and print your permit(s);
- Submit annual reports, renewal applications, and amendment requests (Coming Soon);
- Update your account information;
- · Edit and Remove subpermittees;
- Cancel your permit

Email <u>SRP@tpwd.texas.gov</u> for additional support, if needed.

Account Information and System Access Existing Account Verification

NOTE: If you have previously accessed TPWD's Permitting, TWIMS or LMA systems, then you have an existing account that you can use to access the Permitting system. You will use the same email address and password combination across all Wildlife systems listed below.

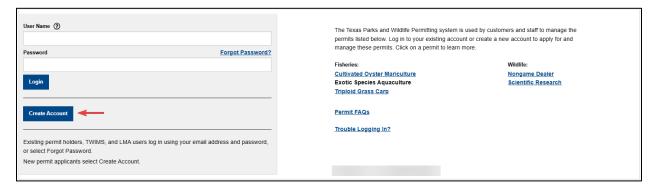
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting system <u>Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting</u>
 - Available permits Cultivated Oyster Mariculture Permit, Exotic Species
 Aquaculture Permit, Triploid Grass Carp Permit, Scientific Research Permit, and
 Nongame Dealer Permit
- Texas Wildlife Information Management System (TWIMS) Log in TWIMS
 - Available permits Deer Breeder Permit, Deer Management Permit (DMP), and Depredation Permit
- Land Management Assistant (LMA) <u>Land Management Assistance</u>
 - Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP), Pronghorn Permit, and Antlerless Mule
 Deer Permit

New Account Creation

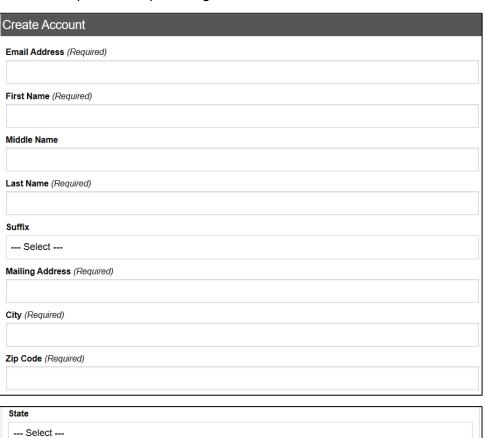
If you do not have an existing account, create a new account to submit applications and manage Scientific Research Permits.

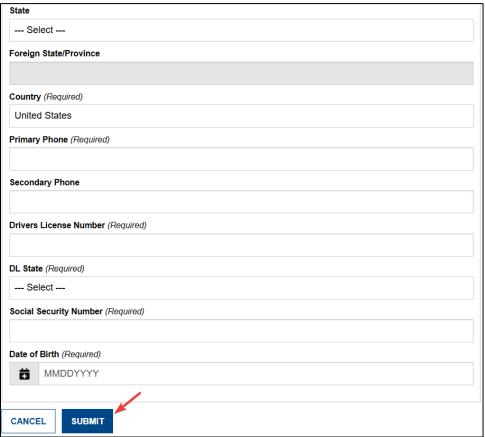
To create a new account:

- 1. Navigate to Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting
- 2. Click Create Account.

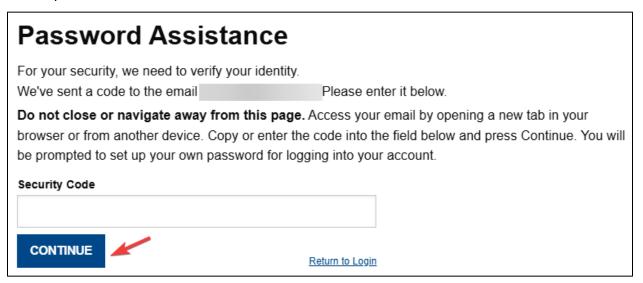


3. Complete all required registration fields and click SUBMIT.

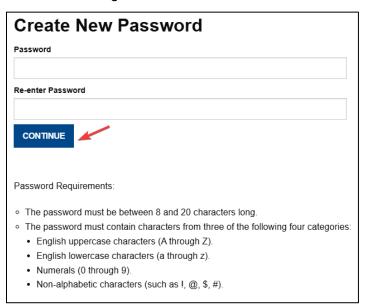




4. A Security Code will be sent to your email address. Enter the Security Code in the space provided. Click **CONTINUE**.



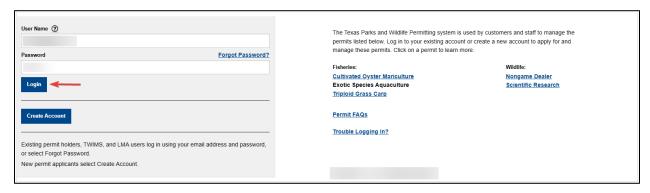
Create a new password where prompted. Click CONTINUE. You will be logged into your Permitting account.



Log in to the Permitting System

You can login to the Permitting system if you have created a new account or have an existing account.

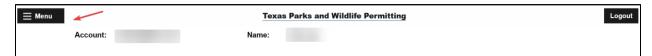
- 1. Click the link Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting.
- **2.** Your User Name is the email address you used to register your Permitting, TWIMS, or LMA account.
- **3.** Type your current password into the space provided. Your password is case sensitive and must be entered exactly as it was created.
- 4. Click Login.



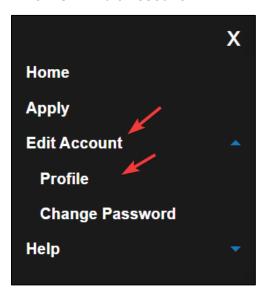
Update Account Information

Keeping your account information current is essential for receiving permit notifications, system reminders, and official correspondence from TPWD.

- 1. Log in to your Permitting system account.
- 2. Click the Menu option in the upper left of the screen.



3. Click Edit Account then click Profile.



4. Update Account fields.

NOTE: Only the following account information can be modified:

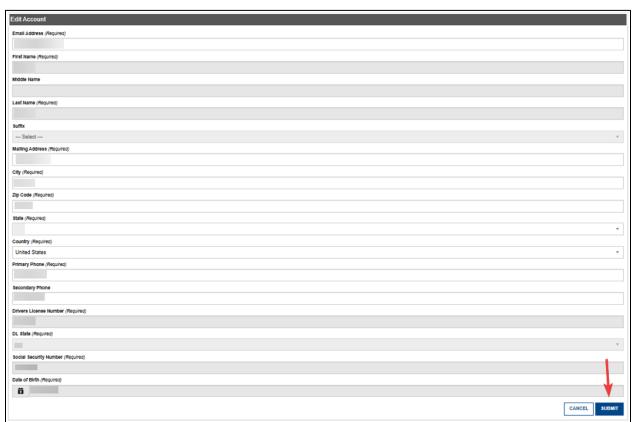
- · Email Address;
- Mailing Address (City, Zip Code, State, and Country);
- Phone Number (Primary and/or Secondary).

Personally Identifiable Information (PII) such as Name, Drivers License Number, DL State, Social Security Number, and Date of Birth cannot be modified.

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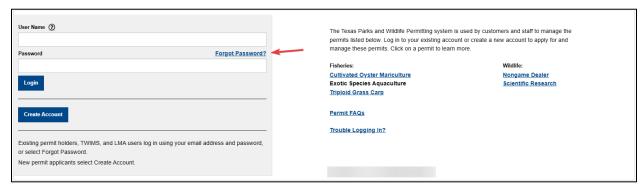
5. Click **SUBMIT** at the bottom of the page once all edits are made.

NOTE: If you change your email address, your log in name will change accordingly, requiring you to use the updated email address when logging in to the Permitting system. Your password will remain unchanged when you update your email address.

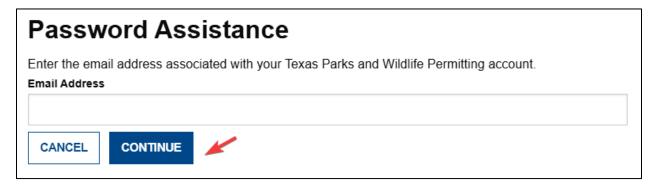


Reset Forgotten Password

- **1.** For security purposes, Wildlife Permits Office staff cannot view user account passwords. If you have forgotten your password, it will have to be reset.
- 2. Visit Texas Parks and Wildlife Permitting.
- 3. Click Forgot Password?.

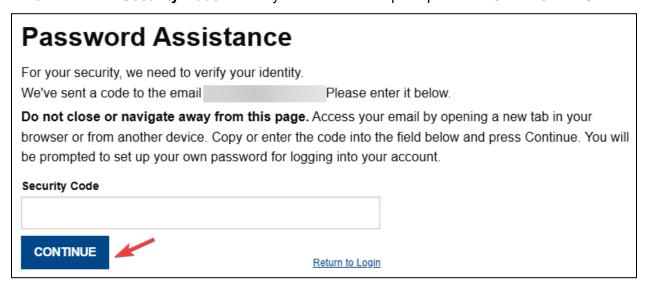


4. Under Password Assistance, enter the email address TPWD has on file for your account. Click **CONTINUE**.

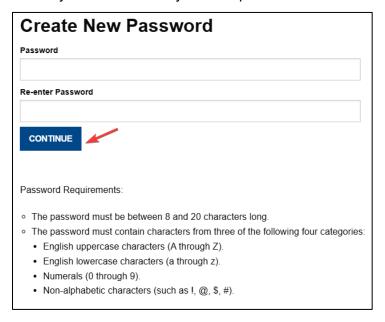


NOTE: If your email address was successfully recognized, an email containing a security code will be sent to that email address. Open your email and retrieve the code. If you do not remember the email on file for your account, contact SRP@tpwd.texas.gov for support.

5. Enter the Security Code sent to your email in the space provided. Click CONTINUE.



6. Create a new password where prompted. Click **CONTINUE**. You will be logged in to your account and your new password will be saved.



Scientific Research Permit (SRP) Management

This section will provide instructions to assist with the following:

- Submitting an application for a Scientific Research Permit;
- Paying the Scientific Research Permit application fee;
- Tracking the status of your application;
- Viewing and printing your Scientific Research Permit;
- Editing and Removing Subpermittees.

NOTE: The following permit management features are currently in development:

- Annual Reporting;
- Amendment Request(s);
- Cancellation of your Scientific Research Permit.

All SRP Permitting system accounts will be notified when each new feature is released. Contact SRP@tpwd.texas.gov for support.

Apply for a New Scientific Research Permit

1. On the Permitting system's Home page, click the **APPLY** button to begin your permit application.



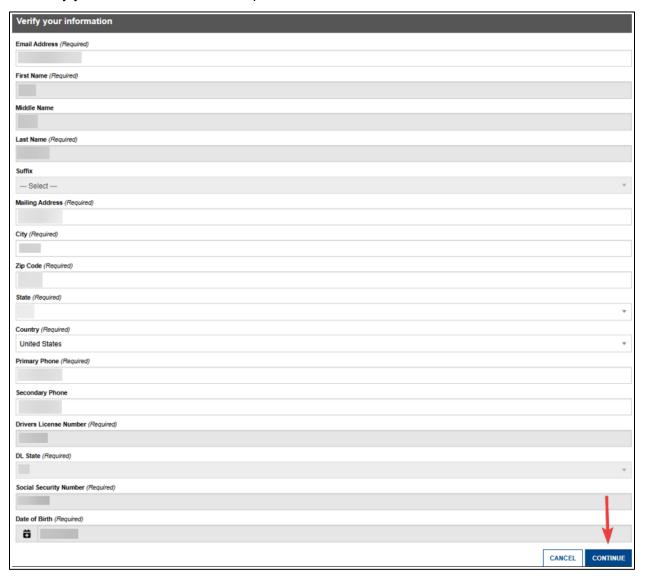
2. Locate the Application for Scientific Research Permit section and click APPLY.



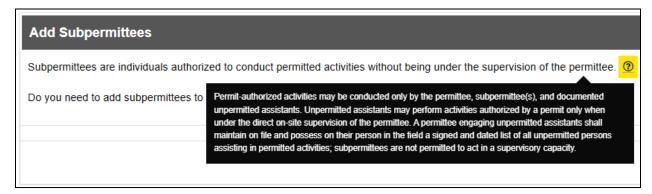
a. If needed, click **Scientific Research Permit Information** to view TPWD's Scientific Research Permit information webpage.



3. Verify your account information. Update, if needed, then click CONTINUE.



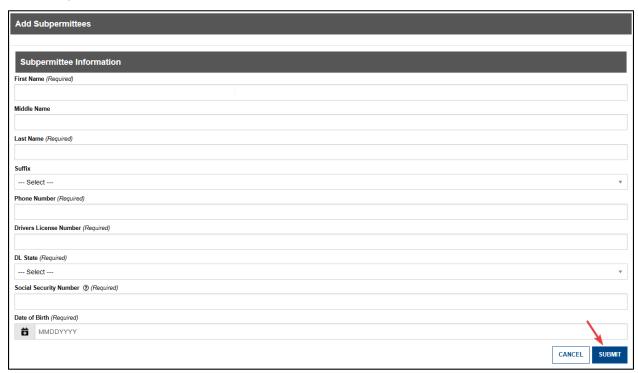
- 4. Complete the Add Subpermittees section.
 - **a.** Reference the screenshot below to review who is authorized to conduct permitted activities. Hover your cursor over the tooltip icon to view the message.



b. If you do not need to add subpermittees, click No or CONTINUE.



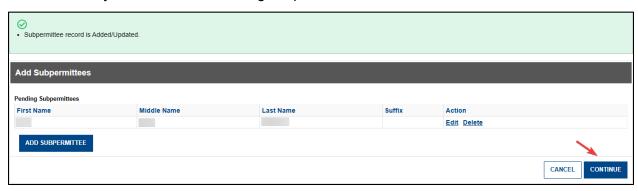
c. If you clicked YES, complete the Subpermittee Information section and click SUBMIT.



- d. Review the **Pending Subpermittees** subsection.
- e. To add additional subpermittees, click ADD SUBPERMITTEE.

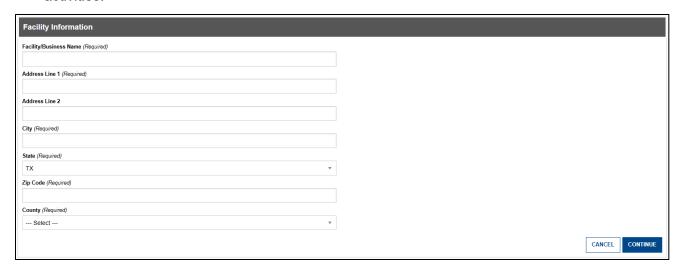


f. When you have finished adding subpermittees, click CONTINUE.

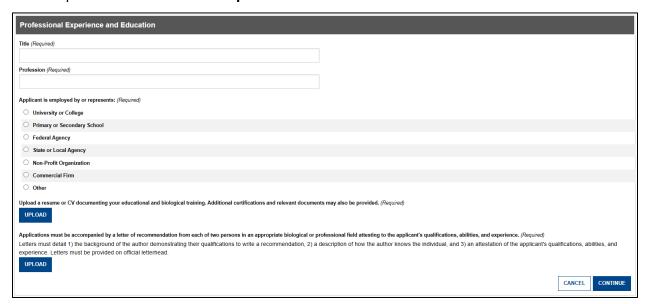


5. Complete the Facility Information section and click CONTINUE.

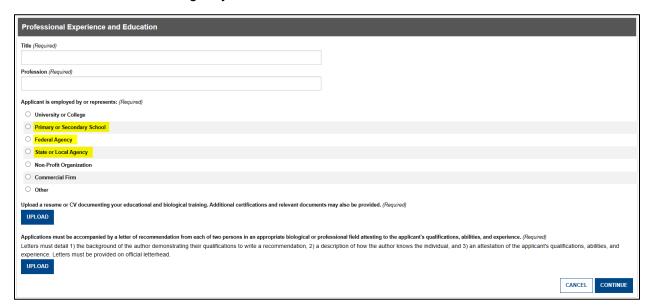
Note: Provide information for the primary business location associated with your research activities.



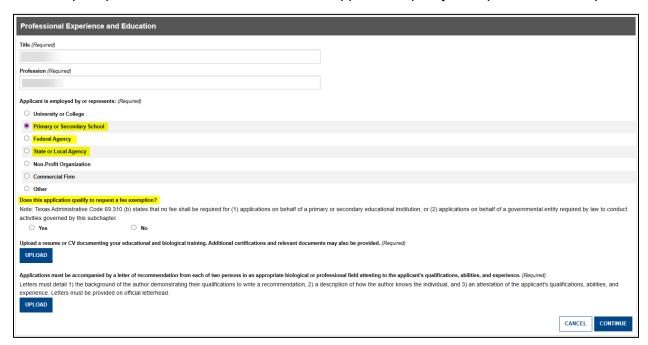
6. Complete the Professional Experience and Education section:



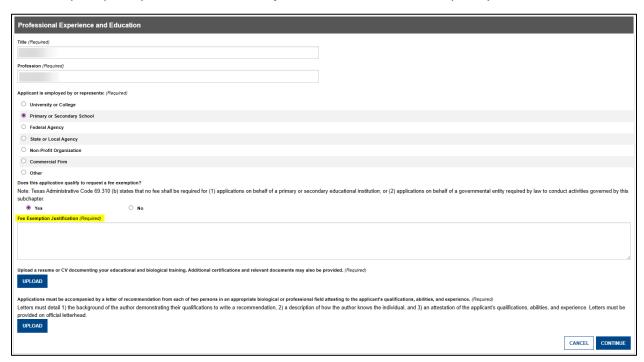
- **a.** You may request a fee exemption if you are employed by or represent a:
 - Primary or Secondary School;
 - Federal Agency;
 - State or Local Agency.



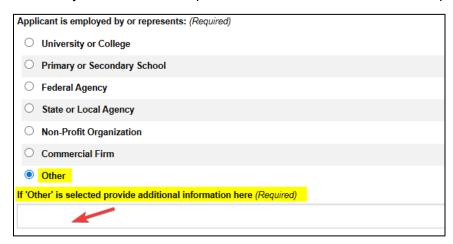
b. If prompted, Click YES or NO - Does this application qualify to request a fee exemption?



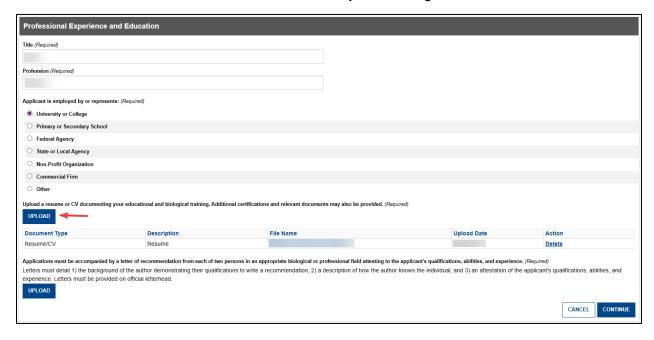
c. If prompted, provide a Fee Exemption Justification in the space provided.



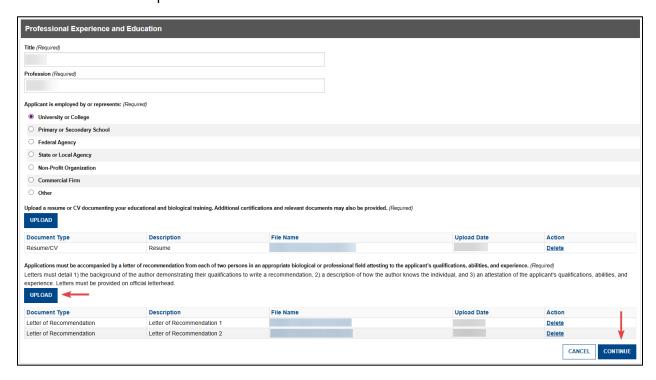
d. If you clicked Other, provide additional information in the space provided.



e. Upload a resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV). You may also upload any additional certifications or relevant documents. Click **Upload** to begin.

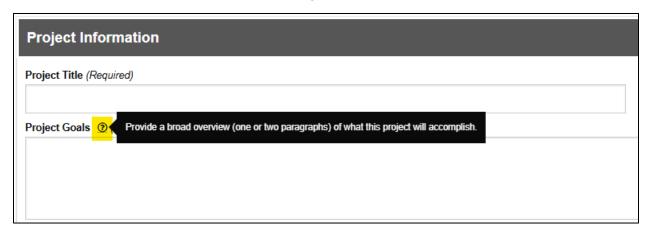


f. Upload at least two letters of recommendation. Click UPLOAD for each letter of recommendation. Click CONTINUE once the Professional Experience and Education section is completed.

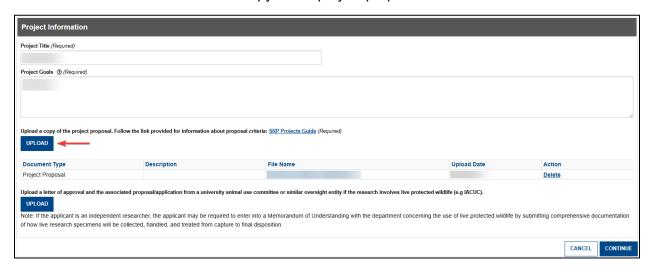


7. Complete the **Project Information** section:

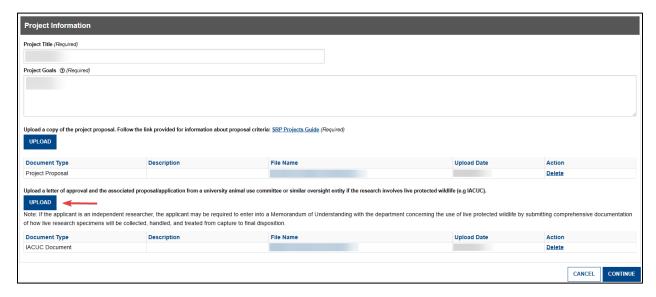
a. Reference the screenshot below for Project Goals text requirements. Hover your cursor over the tooltip icon to view the message.



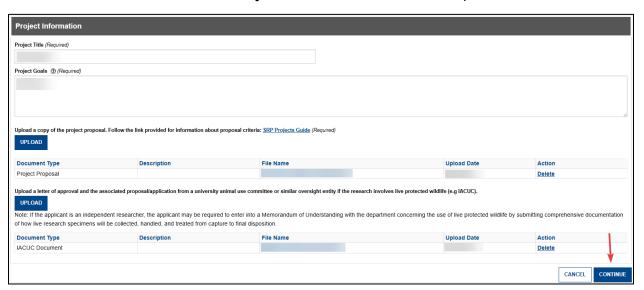
b. Click **UPLOAD** to include a copy of the project proposal.



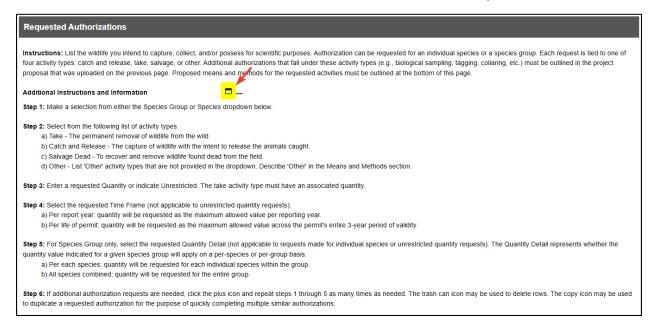
c. Click UPLOAD to include IACUC documentation (optional).



d. Click **CONTINUE** once the **Project Information** section is completed.



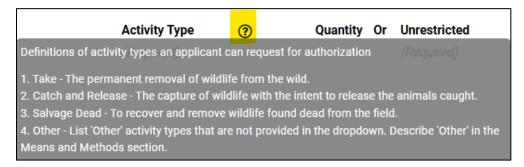
- **8.** Complete the **Requested Authorizations** section to detail the specific authorizations needed for the research project.
 - **a.** Select the Maximize Icon highlighted below for additional instructions and information. Refer to the onscreen instructions for assistance with the next steps.



b. Select at least one Species Group or one Individual Species and complete the Required fields.



c. Reference the screenshot below for definitions of each Activity Type. Hover your cursor over the tooltip icon to view the message.



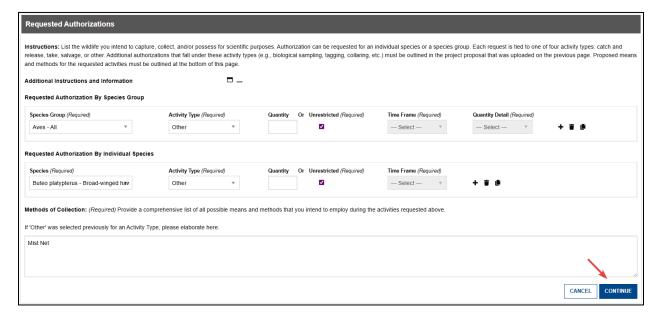
- **d.** As needed, select an icon below to add, delete, or copy a requested authorization row.
 - Click the plus icon to create additional authorization request rows.
 - Click the trash can icon to delete a requested authorization row.
 - Click the copy icon to duplicate a requested authorization row.
- **e.** Complete the Methods of Collection section. List all possible means and methods that you intend to employ during the requested activities in the space provided.



f. Provide additional details in the space provided if you selected **Other** under Activity Type for Species Group and/or Individual Species.



g. Click CONTINUE once the Requested Authorizations section is completed.



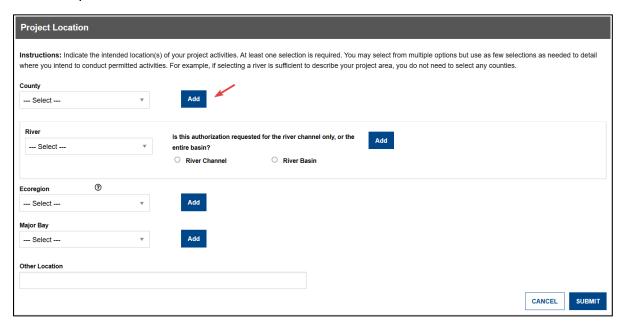
9. Complete the **Project Location** section by adding the intended location(s) of your project activities. You may add multiple selections but use as few selections as needed to accurately describe your project area.

NOTE: At least one selection from any of the following is required:

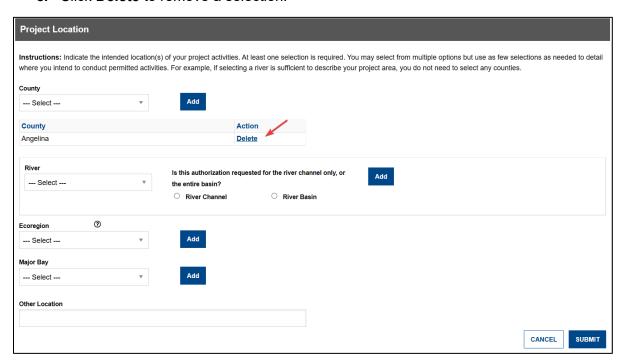
- County;
- River;
- Ecoregion;
- Major Bay;
- Other Location (if statewide authority is needed, enter the request in Other Location)
- a. Hover your cursor over the tooltip icon for more information related to Texas Ecoregions.



b. Choose an option from the appropriate dropdown. Click **ADD** once a selection is made. Repeat as needed.



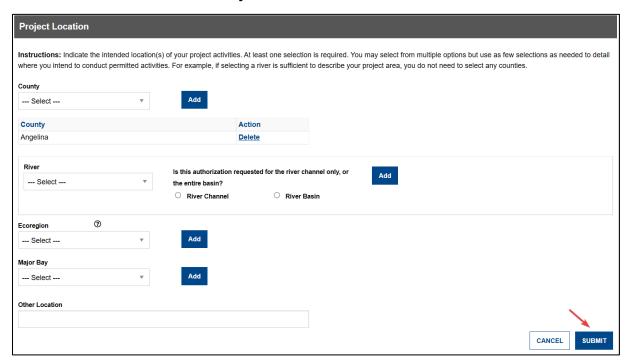
c. Click **Delete** to remove a selection.



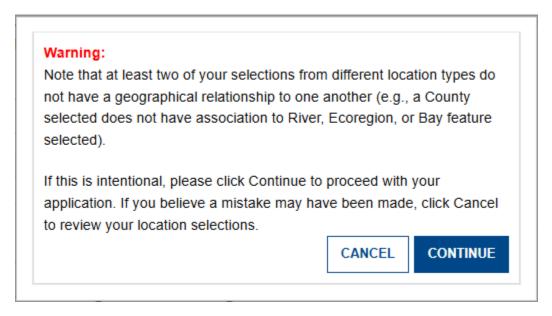
 ${f i.}$ Click ${f OK}$ to delete the entry or click ${f Cancel}$ to return to the previous screen.



d. Click SUBMIT once the Project Location section is finished.



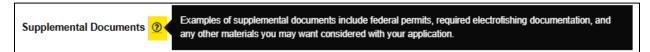
e. A Warning message will be displayed if at least two of your project location selections do not have a geographical relationship (e.g., a river selection is not associated with a county selected). If the selections are accurate, click CONTINUE. If corrections are needed, click CANCEL to return to the Project Location screen and update your selections.



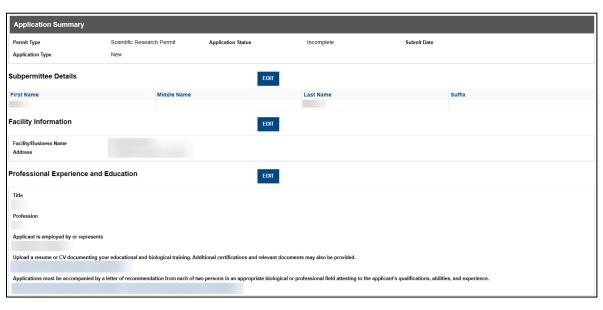
10. Complete the **Additional Information** section. Click **CONTINUE** once the **Additional Information** section is complete.

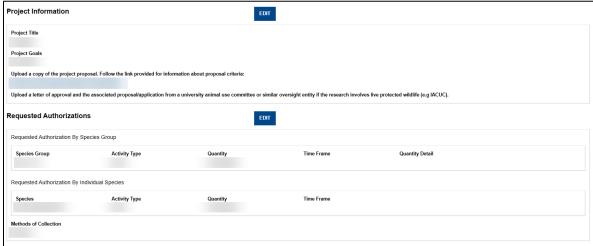


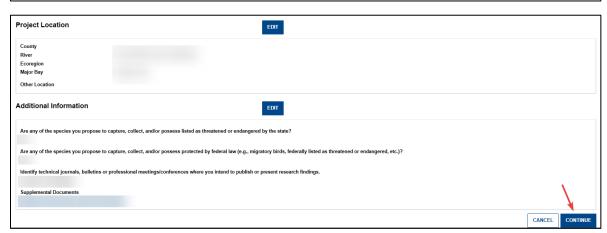
a. Reference the screenshot below for examples of what types of supplemental documents you want considered with your SRP application. Hover your cursor over the tooltip icon to view the message.



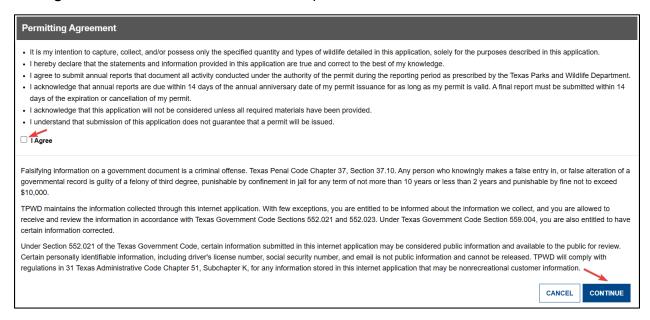
11. Review the Application Summary section. Each completed section is displayed with the appropriate data and documents. Review each section for accuracy and completeness. Click EDIT next to any section that needs modification. Click CONTINUE when you have reviewed the SRP application and are ready to proceed.



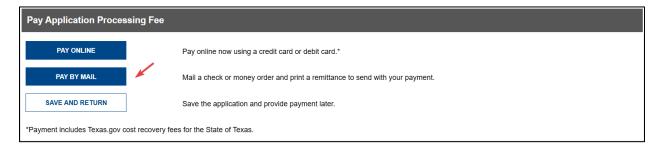




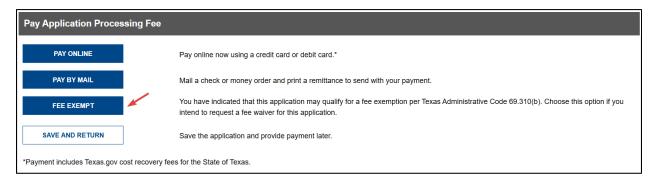
12. Review the **Permitting Agreement** section. Acknowledgement is required. Select the **I Agree** checkbox and click **CONTINUE** to proceed.



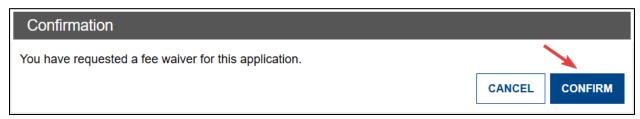
- **13.** Review the **Pay Application Processing Fee** section. Select the appropriate payment method:
 - **a.** Pay Online (COMING SOON) Online payment options are currently in development. All SRP permitting system accounts will be notified when this feature is released.
 - **b.** Pay by Mail Mail a Check Remittance Form (See Step 14).



- **c.** Fee Exempt This payment method is only available to applicants who:
 - i. Are employed by or represent a Primary or Secondary School, Federal Agency, State or Local Agency; and
 - ii. Selected Yes to question Does this applicant qualify to request a fee exemption? (See Step 7 in the Apply for a New Scientific Research Permit section for more information)

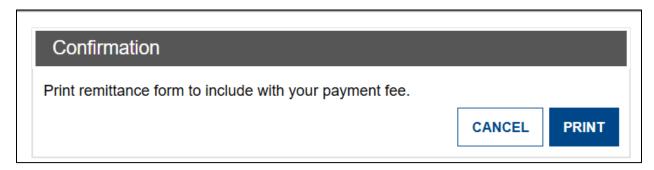


iii. Selecting **FEE EXEMPT** will display the Confirmation message seen below. Click **CONFIRM** if you intend to request a fee waiver.

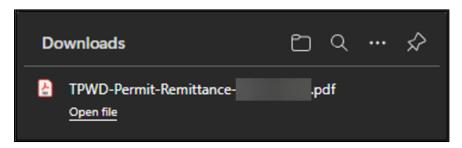


14. Pay by Mail:

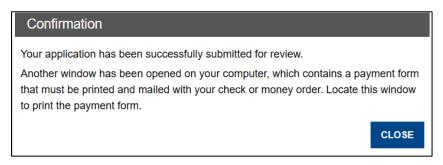
a. Selecting **PAY BY MAIL** will display the Confirmation message seen below. Click **PRINT** to download the remittance form.



b. Open the TPWD-Permit-Remittance PDF that is downloaded to your computer.



c. A final pop-up window is displayed informing you that your application been submitted.



d. Review the instructions, print the remittance form, and include it with your payment. Mail your payment to the address specified on the remittance form.



Remittance - Scientific Research Permit

Instructions: Please print this form and include it with your submission of payment.

Payments must be in the form of a check or money order. Temporary checks will not be accepted.

All remittances must be made payable to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

and mailed to:

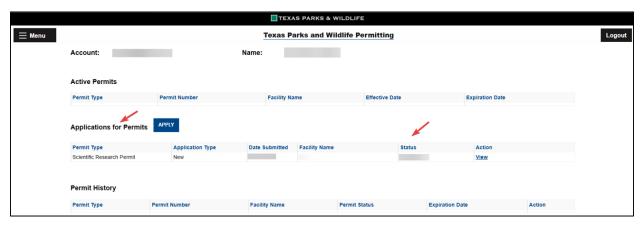
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
ATTN: Cashier
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

15. Processing Timeline and Status Updates:

a. Once payment is received and processed by the Wildlife Permits Office, staff will review your application. If approved, the Scientific Research Permit will be issued.

NOTE: You will receive an email from the Department when your application has been reviewed and processed. You are not authorized to conduct permit-related activities until your application has been approved, and a permit has been issued.

- **b.** The Permitting System allows SRP applicants to track their application status. To view your application status:
 - i. Log in to the Permitting system with your active and valid account.
 - **ii.** Locate the **Applications for Permits** section in the Permitting System's homepage for status updates (shown in the screenshot below).



c. Application Status Definitions

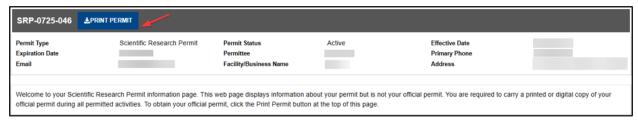
- i. Pending Payment Payment has not been received.
- ii. Submitted Payment has been received. Staff will begin reviewing the application.
- iii. Biologist Review A Biologist has been assigned to review the SRP application.
- **iv.** Permits Office Review –The Biologist is complete and the application is in final processing.
- v. Approved The SRP application has been approved by the Biologist and Wildlife Permits Officer. An email will be sent to the applicant to notify that the permit has been issued.

View and Print Your Active Scientific Research Permit

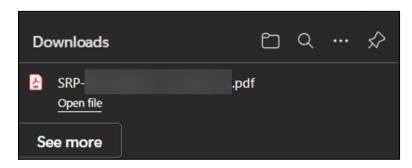
1. To view your permit information page, click on the **Permit Number** in the Active Permits section of your account Home page.



2. To download a copy of your permit, click the **PRINT PERMIT** button. The permit will download into the Downloads (Ctrl+J) folder of your web browser.



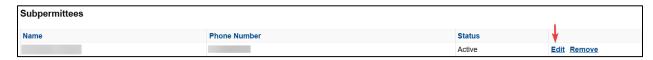
3. Open the downloaded SRP-[Permit Number] PDF file to view and print the Scientific Research Permit.



Manage Active Subpermittee(s)

NOTE: You must reprint your Scientific Research Permit any time a subpermittee is removed.

1. Click **Edit** to update the listed subpermittee(s) phone number:



a. Click Save when the phone number has been updated.



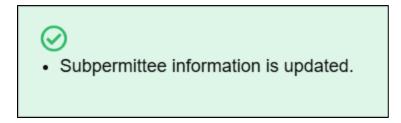
2. Click Remove to remove any listed subpermittee(s) from the Scientific Research Permit:



a. Select **OK** to remove the subpermittee or click **Cancel** to return to the previous screen.



b. A message will display on-screen when a subpermittee has been successfully removed.

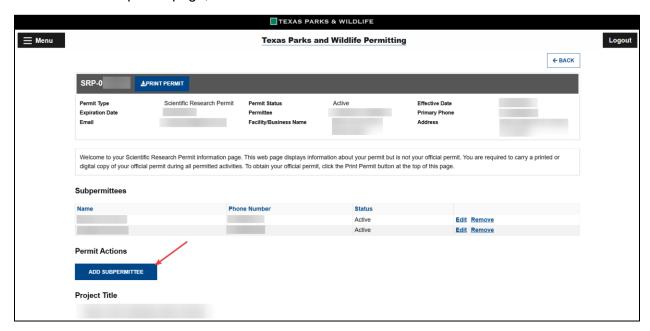


Subpermittee Amendment

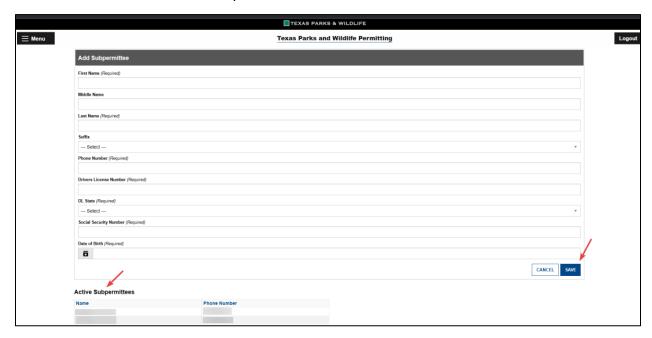
1. From your home page, locate the **Active Permits** section and click on the permit number you want to submit a subpermittee amendment for.



2. On the active permit page, click ADD SUBPERMITTEE button.



3. Fill out the Add Subpermittee form, and review your existing active subpermittees displayed below the form. Click **Save** to proceed.



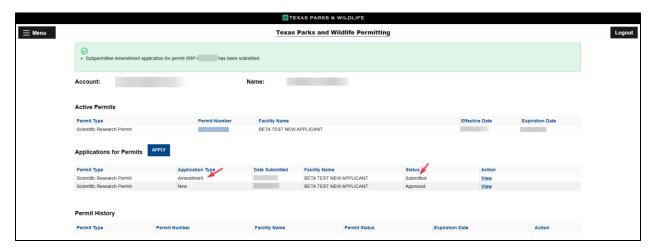
4. This next page allows you to view your recent subpermittee submission. To add additional subpermittees, click the **ADD SUBPERMITTEE** button. When you are finished, click **SUBMIT** to finalize your subpermittee amendment request.



- **a.** The screen will revert back to the Add Subpermittee page if you click **Edit** or **Delete** under the Action column.
 - i. Edit allows for a field edit
 - ii. Delete removes all fields



- **5.** A Confirmation message will appear on the Home Page, confirming your subpermittee amendment request has been submitted.
 - **a.** Under the Applications for Permits section, an **Amendment** Application is displayed with a **Submitted** status.



b. When the Amendment is approved by a Wildlife Permits Officer, the Application Status will update to **Amended**.



You must now reprint your permit to reflect the newly updated Permit PDF. Follow the <u>View and Print your Active Scientific Research Permit</u> instructions above.