



Exotic Species Research Permit Initial Application

(for exotic fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants)

**Application
Fee**

\$263

For assistance with 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.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Social Security No.: ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Driver's License No.: _____ Driver's License State: _____

Title (Required): _____

Company/Organization Name (Required): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Email (Required): _____

Would you like to opt for email-only communication—no postal mail? **Yes** **No**

Primary Phone: (____) _____ Secondary Phone: (____) _____

- 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; use Permit Applicants Addendum, PWD 1420-T3200, to add co-applicants)

- 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: Objectives and Expected Benefits, Species Information, Methods, and 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 escapement or introduction of exotic species.

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Research Proposal includes required sections?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Proposal sent for review on:	____/____/____ mm dd yy
Species and Collection Information Complete?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reviewer:	
Locations of collection and release included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Review completed on:	____/____/____ mm dd yy
Final disposition of species provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Recommendation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Need clarification/revisions <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Methodology includes adequate description of safeguards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		



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5. FACILITY INFORMATION:

a. **Facility Address:** _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

b. **Facility Owner** (if other than applicant): _____

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.

d. Is the facility designed 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.

e. **Emergency Plan:** If facility is located with the **Exotic Species Exclusion Zone** (east of IH-35 and south of Hwy 21) please include an emergency plan: (A detailed plan explaining what methods will be used to prevent accidental release or escapement in the event of a natural catastrophe, such as a tropical storm or hurricane AND when these measures will be implemented).
 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 reach you to schedule the inspection? **Phone** **Email**

6. AFFIDAVIT:

I certify that (1) I have received and read the Harmful or Potentially Harmful Exotic Fish, Shellfish and Aquatic Plant rules (see link found on the left of page at : https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/exotic/prohibited_aquatic.phtml) 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 application with \$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.