



Exotic Species Aquaculture Permit Application

(for exotic fish and shellfish)

**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 must be received by the Department
at least 30 days prior to any prospective activity involving controlled exotic species.

NOTE: This permit is for aquaculturists and individuals that culture/feed whiteleg shrimp, tilapia, or triploid grass carp. Individuals that sell tilapia or triploid grass carp for pond stocking and do not hold these exotic fish in a discharging facility or for longer than 72 hours should apply for an exotic species pond stocking sales permit. Those that hold fish longer than 72 hours or in facilities that discharge should apply for this aquaculture permit. Contact the permits coordinator at IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov for guidance.

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 (if applicable): _____

Company/Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip County

Telephone Numbers: Primary: (____)____-____ Secondary: (____)____-____

E-Mail: _____

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

2. CO-APPLICANTS:

Are there managers or other individuals who supervise permitted activities?

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

3. REQUIRED PERMIT DOCUMENTS: APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (Check the box to indicate you have enclosed a copy of the appropriate document)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Wastewater Discharge Permit

OR

Notice of Water Quality Authorization (Attachment 1 of the General Permit TXG130000)

4. PERMIT APPLICATION FEE:

\$263 fee enclosed with permit application

Fee exempt: public school educational program that will give students experience with a sustainable system of agriculture that mixes controlled exotic species aquaculture and hydroponics; information about the course and supervision of activities should be attached.

5. FACILITY INFORMATION: (A physical facility is required for permit issuance and must be ready for inspection before this application is submitted.)

A. Facility Address: _____
Street City Zip County

B. Facility Owner (if other than applicant): _____

C. Facility Complex: Is your facility in a complex with multiple aquaculturists? Yes No

D. Facility Map: Print and attach a facility map to your application that shows the specific location of the aquaculture facility and is labeled to indicate ponds, tanks, and greenhouses; ALL drainage routes and structures, including adjacent ditches or natural drainage features; all points at which water, wastewater, or waste is capable of being discharged or else noting that the facility does not discharge; and locations of all screens, barriers, or other structures that are intended or serve to prevent escape, release, discharge, or unauthorized removal of controlled exotic species.

- If your facility is located in a **multi-operator facility complex**, please indicate on map the location of your facility (i.e., pond or greenhouse) relative to all other aquaculturists' facilities.
- If your facility is located **within the 100-year flood plain**, any ponds must be surrounded by a flood protective levee at least one foot above the 100-year flood plain elevation. Please indicate on map the location of any flood protective levees.

E. Emergency Plan: Please attach PWD 1421, Exotic Species Facility Emergency Plan (Forms are available at: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1421_t3200_exotic_species_facility_emergency_plan_2020.pdf)

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. SPECIES INFORMATION: Please check all boxes that apply next to each species you plan to possess, propagate, transport, import, export, or sell during the permit year. Continued on next page.

Nile tilapia (<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for pond stocking
Blue tilapia (<i>Oreochromis aureus</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for pond stocking
Wami tilapia (<i>Oreochromis hornorum</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for pond stocking
Mozambique tilapia (<i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for pond stocking
Hybrids of four tilapia species listed	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for pond stocking

6. SPECIES INFORMATION (continued):

Triploid grass carp (<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for pond stocking
Whiteleg shrimp (<i>Litopenaeus vannamei</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold for consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold as broodstock

7. 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))

(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.

(3) I understand that the permit application fee will not be refunded after the facility inspection has been completed by Department staff.

(4) 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, a copy of required TCEQ document, facility map, emergency plan and \$263 fee, if applicable, to:

Permit Coordinator, Inland Fisheries
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Rd.
Austin, TX 78744

TPWD may refuse issuance of a permit if if the application or facility fail to meet the requirements of this subchapter or if the applicant or another person employed, authorized, or otherwise utilized to perform permitted activities by the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or received deferred adjudication or pre-trial diversion for a violation of Texas Administrative Code Title 31 Subchapter 57A (pertaining to harmful or potentially harmful exotic species); Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, §§66.007, 66.0072, or 66.015; Parks and Wildlife Code that is a Class B misdemeanor, a Class A misdemeanor, or felony; Penal Code, §37.10; Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. §§3371-3378; or a provision of federal law applicable to grass carp. The department may refuse to issue a permit to any person the department has evidence is acting on behalf of or as a surrogate for another person who is not eligible for a permit.

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 553.023 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.