



## License Requirements for Permit to Possess or Sell Nongame Fish Taken from Public Fresh Waters (including shad)

### Who needs a permit to Possess or Sell Nongame Fish Taken from Public Fresh Waters?

- Any person who wants to catch for sale, sell or offer for sale nongame fish taken from public fresh water of the state.
- Any person who is collecting shad for personal use and is harvesting large amounts (i.e., container or containers that total 30 gallons or more in volume).
- TPWD-licensed fishing guides\* who are catching and selling shad to bait shops or other fishing guides, in addition to offering shad as part of their services.

All holders of nongame fish permits are required to follow all applicable regulations regarding bag and length limits and legal freshwater devices.

### LICENSES

Holders of a nongame fish permit and each assistant must also hold all applicable fishing licenses. The following additional guidance will help you to determine which licenses are needed.

#### COMMERCIAL FISHING

What are you catching and/or selling?	What licenses and/or permits do you need?		
	Bait Dealer – Individual Type 312 – Resident and non-resident, \$38	General Commercial Fisherman’s License Type 372 – Resident, \$26 Type 340 – Non-Resident, \$189	Nongame Fish Permit \$60
Bait Only	Required	Not Applicable	Required
Food Fish Only	Not Applicable	Required	Required
Bait & Food Fish	Required	Required	Required

#### NON-COMMERCIAL FISHING

How much are you catching per day?	What licenses and/or permits do you need?	
	Recreational Fishing License	Nongame Fish Permit \$60
Shad large quantity (> 30 gallons), no sale	Required	Required
Shad small quantity (< 30 gallons), no sale	Required	Not Applicable

**\*Special Note for Fishing Guides:** A TPWD-licensed fishing guide who catches shad ONLY for use as a part of the guide’s services will not be required to possess a nongame fish permit.

If you are also a retail or wholesale fish dealer or use boats for commercial fishing purposes, additional licenses may be required. For more information on licenses, please refer to the Texas Commercial Fishing Guide, available at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Regional and Field Law Enforcement Offices or online at: [http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\\_bk\\_v3400\\_0074.pdf](http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_v3400_0074.pdf)

For more information about the Nongame Fish Permit, please contact (512) 389-4742 or [ifpermits@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:ifpermits@tpwd.texas.gov).