



Exotic Species Biological Control Production Permit Application

(for possession of controlled exotic aquatic plants for production of biological control agents)

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.

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: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

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 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. BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PRODUCTION PLAN: Attach a production plan statement to including the following sections and information:

- (1) Species Information: Identify the controlled exotic species of plants (common and scientific name) that will be possessed. Identify the proposed species of biological control agents to be produced and include the number, if any, to be collected from public waters each year (provide water body names and attach collection site map). Describe adequate, appropriate measures that will be implemented to prevent release, discharge, escape or introduction of exotic species.
- (2) Production Information: Expected production of the controlled exotic species of plants in acres or square feet.
- (3) Use/Introduction Information: Intended use of the biological control agents including water bodies where the biological control agents, along with the controlled exotic host plants, may be introduced. If controlled exotic species will be sold as host plants for biological control organisms, describe proposed sales.

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

4. FACILITY INFORMATION:

A. Facility Address: _____
Street City Zip County

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

C. Facility Map: If outdoor holding facilities exist, print and attach a facility map to your application that shows the specific location of the research 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 operator's 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.

D. Emergency Plan: Please attach PWD 1421, Exotic Species Facility Emergency Plan. (The form is available at: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1421_t3200_exotic_species_facility_emergency_plan_2020.pdf)

E. Contact person for facility inspection:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

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

5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Completed Aquatic Vegetation Treatment Proposal for sites where biological control agents will be introduced (see last page; required for Public Body of Surface Water only) Visit http://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/nuisance_plants/ for guidance on completing the form.

Completed application for Permit to Introduce Fish, Shellfish, or Aquatic Plants into Public Waters for sites where controlled exotic plants will be introduced along with biological control agents. https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1019_t3200_app_permit_stock_public_waters.pdf

Fee: Please email the permit coordinator at IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov or call 512-389-4742 before submitting this application to discuss the inspection requirement for your facility.

\$263 if facility inspection is required

\$27 if no facility inspection is required

6. 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&tj=31&pt=2&ch=57&sch=A&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&tj=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, production plan, facility map (if applicable), emergency plan (if needed), Aquatic Vegetation Treatment Proposal, application for Permit to Introduce Fish, Shellfish or Aquatic Plants into Public Waters and fee determined after consultation with the permit coordinator 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 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.