



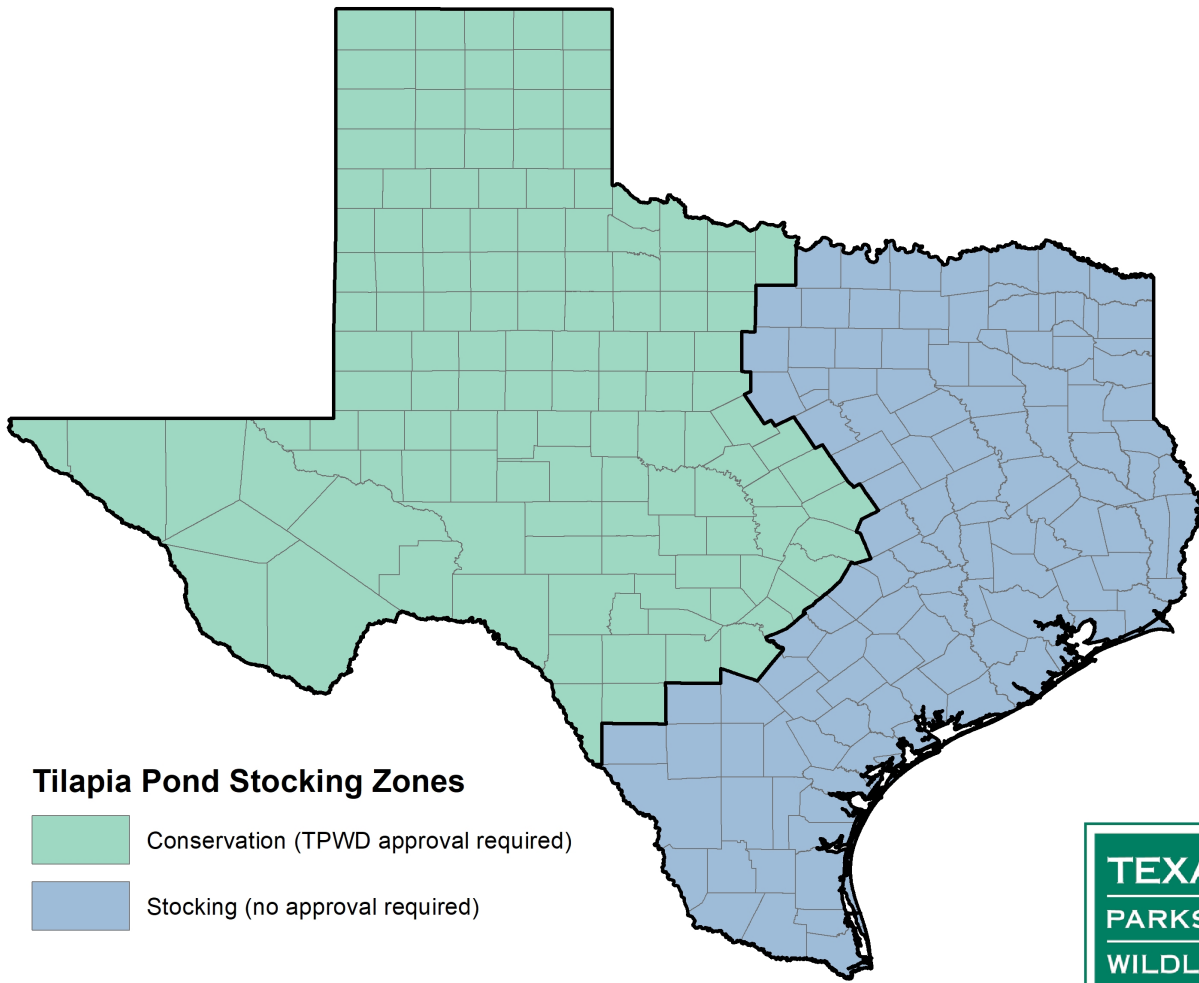
Request for Approval to Stock Tilapia in Conservation Zone

Effective January 27, 2021, approval from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is required prior to stocking tilapia in private ponds in the designated 'conservation zone' (see county list and map below). No prior approval is required within the 'stocking zone' but it remains unlawful for fish stocked in any private pond to escape into public water. These zones were identified based on a conservation assessment that weighed potential harmful impacts of tilapia escapes on imperiled native fishes against the economic importance of the tilapia pond stocking trade in Texas. Approval for tilapia stocking in a pond located within the conservation zone may be obtained by completing the attached form and submitting it to the permits coordinator at IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov; no fee is required. Approval may be obtained by the pond owner or their agent (e.g., pond manager or tilapia seller). Tilapia may not be sold to customers in the conservation zone without approval for stocking. Pond stocking approvals for tilapia do not expire and may be transferred with the sale of a property and remain valid unless the pond is modified in a way that increases the risk of tilapia escape. Also effective January 27, 2021, four species of tilapia and their hybrids may be stocked in ponds—blue, Nile, Mozambique, and Wami tilapia.

Zone designations by county are as follows and are also shown on the map below:

(A) Conservation zone. The conservation zone includes the following counties: Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Bandera, Baylor, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Comal, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kendall, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lampasas, Lipscomb, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Roberts, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson, Winkler, Yoakum, Young, and Zavala.

(B) Stocking zone. The stocking zone includes the following counties: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, McLennan, McMullen, Milam, Montague, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Polk, Rains, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Wise, Wood, and Zapata.





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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 intended stocking.

1. INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING APPROVAL:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip County

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

E-Mail: _____

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

2. LOCATION OF PRIVATE POND: (if requesting to stock tilapia in multiple ponds at the same location, submit one form for each pond)

Specific address or GPS coordinates of the location of the pond (not a mailing address or PO Box):

Is the pond an impounded creek or the result of deepening an existing creek pool? Yes No

If yes, has the pond been modified in such a way that it does not overflow (e.g., during heavy rains) Yes No

If yes, describe the modifications: _____

Attach a map of the location where tilapia are requesting to be stocked, with the pond clearly marked.

Note: Including detailed photographs in addition to the map may help in expediting the request review. Photos should clearly show that escape, release or discharge of tilapia from the pond into public water is not likely to occur and show any modifications to the pond that prevent overflow and any pond outlets.

3. PROPOSED DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

4. PROPOSED PURPOSE OF INTRODUCTION: (For example: to be stocked for filamentous algae management or prey for other species of fish)

Return this page, map and any photographs of the private pond by email to: IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov

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.