

Exotic Species Research Permit Application

(for exotic fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants)

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 Nam	e:		····
Social Security #:		Date of Birth:		
Driver's License (DL) #.:		_ DL State:		
Title:				
Company/Organization Name:				
Mailing Address:				
Street	City	Zij	p	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 researchers, graduate students, or 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: <u>https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd 1420 t3200 permit applicants addendum.pdf</u>

- **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:

(1) Objectives and Expected Benefits, (2) Species Information, (3) Methods, and (4) 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 (or other source), locations of release, if applicable, and describe final disposition of species. Proposal methodology must clearly describe adequate, appropriate measures that will be implemented to prevent release, discharge, escape or introduction of exotic species.

5. 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 researcher'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. Is the facility designed as 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 (Attachment 1 of the General Permit TXG130000).

- E. Emergency Plan: Please attach PWD 1421, Exotic Species Facility Emergency Plan if live controlled exotic species will be possessed. (The form is available at: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1421_t3200_exotic_species_aquaculture_emergency_plan.pdf
- F. Contact person for facility inspection: Name:______Phone: (____)_____ Title: _____Email: ______ What is the best way to schedule the inspection? Phone Email
- 6. SALE OF CONTROLLED EXOTIC SPECIES: The sale of controlled exotic species under a research permit is prohibited, unless authorization is received in writing from the Department.

If yes, to whom do you intend to sell controlled exotic species to (e.g., commercial aquaculturist):

A copy of your Texas Department of Agriculture Aquaculture Facility License must be included with your application to consider authorizing the sale of controlled exotic species.

7. APPLICATION FEE:

Please email the permit coordinator at IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov 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

8. 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)

(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, proposal, facility map (if applicable), emergency plan (if needed) 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.