

AQUACULTURE PERMIT APPLICATION



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME & FISH
 FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION
 SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROGRAM
 ONE WILDLIFE WAY
 SANTA FE, NM 87507
 Email: [DGF.Permits@dgf.nm.gov](mailto: DGF.Permits@dgf.nm.gov)

Application Fee Structure:	
	(Annual)
Up to 75 fish or 750 gallons*	\$20.00
76 to 150 fish or 751 to 1500 gallons*	\$40.00
Over 151 fish or 1501 gallons*	\$100.00
*does not include quarantine tanks	

FOR DEPT. USE ONLY	
Check #	_____
Amount\$	_____
Date	____/____/____
Initials	_____

Aquaculture/Recirculating Water Systems is defined as a facility designed for the culture, rearing, and/or propagation of protected species of fish. **Applicants should read the Aquaculture Permit Information sheet for detailed information prior to filling-out and submitting this application.**

NAME		EMAIL	
BUSINESS NAME		WEBSITE	
ADDRESS (mailing)		ADDRESS (physical)	
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
TELEPHONE NO.		FAX	

CITY & COUNTY	LOCATION OF CLOSED RECIRCULATING WATER SYSTEM TANK(S) (physical address or directions to location from nearest town)

The Aquaculture Permit does not authorize the importation of fish or fish eggs into the state of New Mexico. Aquaculture permittees must obtain fish from a Department **approved fish supplier** through a separate authorization and process.

APPROVED FISH SUPPLIERS: Approved fish suppliers are those who are verified as disease free by the Department’s Fisheries Management Division and are eligible to request a permit for import, transport and/or release of fish. Refer to the Department’s website for a list of **approved fish suppliers**.

FISH SUPPLIERS NOT APPROVED: If a fish supplier is not listed, that supplier will have to qualify their facility with the Department’s Fisheries Management Division prior to conducting business in New Mexico. Fish supplier applicants must complete an Approved Fish Supplier Application and review the importation regulation, information may be found on the Department’s website under Special Use Permits – Fish Importation.

AQUACULTURE PERMITTEE OR APPROVED FISH SUPPLIER INFORMATION			
SUPPLIERS NAME		EMAIL	
BUSINESS NAME		WEBSITE	
ADDRESS (mailing)		ADDRESS (physical)	
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
TELEPHONE NO.		CELL NO.	
Hatchery Authorization Number or Aquaculture Permit #			

DESCRIPTION OF CLOSED RECIRCULATING WATER SYSTEM TANK(S)				
Title or Label each tank below	Tank Size	Gallons	Fish Species	Fish Quantity

Attach additional pages describing additional tanks or operations if applicable.

Include detailed photographs of the entire operation with this application. All systems shall be designed and operated to have no effluent water discharge or potential to discharge effluent water into any waters in New Mexico and be covered to prevent loss of fish. Permit will not be issued until the Department has verification that a closed recirculating water system is completed. A Department representative may conduct an inspection.

FISH AQUACULTURE OPERATION DETAILS AND PURPOSE	
Purpose of operation and possession of fish	
Products produced from operation	
How do you plan on disposing of fish	
Water supply source	
Effluent water discharge/disposal	
Are there any public water sources connected to this system in or out? If yes, identify and explain why	
Identify and provide distance to all public waters that are nearest the system. Submit a map with application	

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Acknowledgment Form

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to each of the following:

1. Permit applications will first be reviewed by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (the Department), Special Use Permits Program and Fisheries Management Division. This program is designed to assist the applicant through the process; approvals are not guaranteed. The Director of the Department will make the final determination of approval or denial of such permit request.
2. Permit applications are not pre-approved based on non-existent closed systems. A permit must be issued prior to the possession of requested fish species. Applicants are responsible for all expenditures, investment in time, or other resources throughout the application process and are at their own expense knowing that approval is not guaranteed.
3. Applicant agrees to notify the Department within 48 hours if any fish show signs of an infectious or contagious disease. Fish considered infectious or contagious may be destroyed as deemed necessary by the Department or authorized agents acting on behalf of the Department and/or the State of New Mexico.

Per Statute 17-3-32 NMSA 1978: In order to protect game animals, birds and fish against importation of undesirable species and introduction of infectious or contagious diseases, it is a misdemeanor to import any live animals, birds or fish into this state, except domesticated animals or domesticated fowl or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the Department of game and fish.

4. Applicant agrees to prevent all egress/ingress of fish/fish eggs and effluent water into or from any public waters (ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, acequia or ditches). Applicant agrees to properly dispose of fish and not release any fish in the State of New Mexico.

Per Regulation 19.31.10.10 NMAC: It is unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise; or cause to be released in this state any mammal, bird, fish, reptile or amphibian, except domestic mammals, domestic fowl, or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department.

5. Applicant agrees to notify the Department of any changes from the original application under which a permit was issued (death, illness, change of location, change of ownership, progeny etc.).

Signature of Applicant

Date