

# AQUACULTURE QUALIFIED EXPERT APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT TO AQUACULTURE PERMIT APPLICATION



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

Applicants should read the Aquaculture Permit Information sheet for detailed information prior to filling-out and submitting the Aquaculture Permit Application and Qualified Expert Application.

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> (attach a copy of your drivers license or ID card)			
<b>NAME</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b> (mailing)		<b>ADDRESS</b> (physical)	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>		<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	
<b>CELL PHONE</b>		<b>D.O.B.</b>	
<b>HOME PHONE</b>		<b>S.S.N.</b> (last 4 digits)	
<b>EDUCATION</b>		<b>Graduate / Degree</b>	<b>Major / Subjects of Study</b>
<b>High School</b>	Name and Location		
<b>College/University</b>			
<b>Specialized Training</b>			
<b>Other Education</b>			
<b>EXPERIENCE RELATED TO REQUESTED SPECIES</b>			
<b>Business/Organization</b> (include city & state)		<b>Duration (dates)</b>	
<b>Experience</b>			
<b>Duties/Tasks Performed</b>			
<b>Have you ever been pardoned, entered into a pre-prosecution diversion program, received a suspended or deferred sentence or conviction for any animal crime? (circle one) Yes or No</b>	<b>If yes, please explain</b>		

*I, the applicant, certify that the above information is true and accurate. I understand the regulations, provisions and conditions for this type of permit and agree to abide by them. I acknowledge that any violations may result in loss of my qualified expert status and revocation of any permits based on that status.*

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Signature of applicant

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Date

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## ALL AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS:

- shall be designed and operated to have no effluent discharge or potential to discharge effluent into any waters in New Mexico.
- shall be covered to prevent loss of fish through predation, theft, or other means.
- shall maintain detailed records and submit annual reports regarding the operations.
- shall annually certify compliance with all other applicable state, municipal, federal, or other required permits.
- live fish shall not be removed from the aquaculture/recirculating system unless they are being transferred to another department permitted individual within the permit provisions.

## Additional requirements for Aquaculture Qualified Expert Systems rearing fish capable of reproduction:

- shall provide the department with a comprehensive biosecurity plan detailing preventative actions for disease, safety, escape and expected final disposition of fish. Permit issuance will not be considered until the biosecurity plan is complete and approved by the department.
- shall submit an annual report with detailed records regarding the operations, preventative measures utilized to maintain healthy fish and any biosecurity plan modifications or updates.
- no fish shall be removed from the facility alive unless it is being exported outside of New Mexico or is moving within the State according to lawful procedures and cannot reproduce.

**Qualified Expert applicants must prepare a packet** for department review and consideration by the Director. The determination to approve or deny a qualified expert designation by the Director is final and is not subject to appeal.

The qualified expert packet should include but not be limited to:

- Professional resume, experience, training, education, etc.
- Proof of education
- Proof of other government issued certificates, permits or licenses.
- References and affiliations
- Facility specifications and photographs
- Comprehensive Biosecurity plan detailing preventative actions for disease, safety, escape and expected final disposition of fish.
- Facility security measures, emergency action plan and emergency contacts
- Release of liability indemnification agreement
- In certain circumstances, the department may require additional documentation.
- For *O. niloticus* and *O. mossambicus* capable of reproduction, certification by a qualified, independent laboratory as to species.

Submit your application packet to the above address with the aquaculture permit application, required documents and photographs. Allow up to 30 days for processing, missing documentation may substantially delay the application process. Approval is not guaranteed.