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Nonnative Fish Importation Application and General Permit

Form 3600-542 (R 09/2026)

Notice: Use of this form is required by the Department to import fish, or fish eggs, of a species that is not native to this state for the purpose of rearing in a fish farm under s. 29.735, Wis. Stats. This general permit only allows the import of fish species defined by s. NR 40.02 (30), Wis. Adm. Code, as "nonnative fish species in the aquaculture industry." Requests for import of other nonnative species will require an individual permit application.

The permittee shall comply with all Wisconsin statutes and rules related to the importation of nonnative fish. The permittee and all employees must display the permit upon request to any conservation warden or agent of the Department of Natural Resources. The Department may at any time it deems necessary withdraw any person's coverage under this permit and require that the person apply for an individual permit under s. 29.735, Wis. Stats. Personally identifiable information on this form may be provided to requesters to the extent required by Wisconsin's Public Records Law [ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.].

Instructions: Complete all fields, sign, date, and make a copy for your records. Forward a copy to the fish source. Send to the address above. After sending a copy of this form you are covered under this general permit and you will not receive anything from the Department. Legible fax copies are welcome or scan and email the signed document to **DNRFWPFHFishPermits@wisconsin.gov**.

Importer Information (Person/business that owns fish/fish eggs when the shipment enters Wisconsin.)

Fish Farm Registration Number

Business Name	Contact Name		
Street Address	City	State WI	ZIP Code
Phone Number	Facsimile Number		

☐ Stocking Location (if different than mailing address), including city, state, zip code

Street Address	City	State WI	ZIP Code
Applicant Signature		Date of Application	

Fish Source Information (Fish/fish egg owner outside Wisconsin)

Business Name	Contact Name		
Business Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Phone Number	Facsimile Number		

Species Information

Species Name	◯ Fish	◯ Eggs	Size:
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Reminder: The fish health certificate issuing authority (sending state) is responsible for submitting to the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection the fish health certificate and all laboratory tests that cover the fish/fish eggs for this application.

Hauler Information

Business Name	Contact Name		
Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Phone Number	Facsimile Number		

This permit expires one year from the date of application.

Permit Conditions

1. This permit is valid only for "nonnative fish species in the aquaculture industry," as defined by s. NR 40.02 (30), Wis. Adm. Code, meaning arctic char (*Salvelinus alpinus*), Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), brown trout (*Salmo trutta*), chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*), redear sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*), tiger trout (a hybrid of *Salvelinus fontinalis* and *Salmo trutta*) and tilapia (*Tilapia* spp).

2. This permit is valid only for importing fish kept in accordance with s. NR 40.05 (3) (L), Wis. Adm. Code. Nonnative fish species in the aquaculture industry may be transported, possessed in a safe facility, possessed in a fish farm registered with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), or transferred without a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources. As defined in s. NR 40.02 (47), Wis. Adm. Code, “safe facility” means an aquarium or container that does not directly drain into a water of the state, is not subject to intermittent or periodic flooding, is not connected to any water of the state, and is not an open pond. As defined in s. 281.01(18), Wis. Stats., “Waters of the state” includes those portions of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior within the boundaries of this state, and all lakes, bays, rivers, streams, springs, ponds, wells, impounding reservoirs, marshes, watercourses, drainage systems and other surface water or groundwater, natural or artificial, public or private, within this state or its jurisdiction. However, s. 29.736, Wis. Stats., excludes from “waters of the state” preexisting fish rearing facilities that are artificial bodies of water or self-contained fish rearing facilities.

3. Imported fish may not be released into waters of the state without a stocking permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to s. 29.736, Wis. Stats., except that the fish may be released into a fish farm registered with DATCP.

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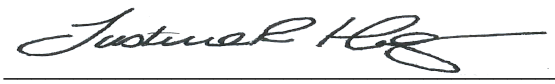
For the Secretary:



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