

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Transportation Permits

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Today's Topics for Discussion

1. Why are Fish Transportation Permits needed?
2. Fish Transportation Permit Rules
3. How to obtain a permit
4. ODFW reviews
5. Questions?

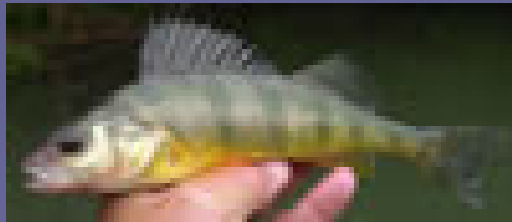


Why are Fish Transportation Permits Needed?

- ODFW's Mission "To protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations."
- Illegal fish introductions can have severe irreversible impacts on native fish and wildlife and their habitats.
- Competition, hybridization, predation, disease, habitat alteration and destruction.
- Devastate fisheries

Illegal Fish Introductions

- Tui Chub -Diamond Lake
- Three-spined Stickleback - Crane Prairie Reservoir
- Gold Fish - Mann and Mud lakes
- Yellow Perch - Phillips Reservoir and many others
- Ringed crayfish - Rogue and John Day basins



Illegal Fish Introductions

- Snakeheads
- Silver Carp
- Grass Carp



Fish Transportation Rules

- Oregon Revised Statutes 498.222
- Oregon Administrative Rules 635-007-0600
- a) To transport any live fish into, within or out of this state;
- b) Hold any live fish in the waters of this state; or
- c) Release or attempt to release any live fish into waters of this state

Fish Transportation Rules

- These rules do not apply to
 - a) Aquaria species intended for aquaria use;
 - b) Shellfish taken for personnel use or authorized commercial fisheries

Note: Illegal to release any aquaria fish into State Waters or private ponds


Fish Transportation Rules

- Permit reviews; basis for denial
 - a) First introduction of that species into waters of the holding or release site;
 - b) Holding or release of fish specified, either singly or in combination with the holding or release of fish under other permits, would tend to adversely affect existing fish populations in or below the holding or release site

Fish Transportation Permits

Required Information

- ✓ Applicant information
- ✓ Source of fish
- ✓ Stocking location
- ✓ Species of fish
- ✓ Number and size of fish
- ✓ Use of fish
- ✓ Screens in Order
- ❖ Updating forms in future

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Date _____

PERMIT TO TRANSPORT LIVE FISH OR EGGS

Shipped By: _____ Fish Propagation License # _____
How Shipped: _____

Shipped To: _____ Telephone #: _____
County: _____
Stream/Pond Name: _____
Watershed Name: _____

Shipped From (Location): _____
Telephone #: _____

Species/Stock	Fish or Eggs	Number	Size

Screens in Order: _____

Use of Fish: Research Private Pond U-Catch
Aquaria Personal Use Resale
Rearing Isolation Facility Tag & Release

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Restrictions/Authorizations:
1. Permit valid for 30 days unless otherwise listed as follows:
2. Purchaser copy of valid permit must accompany fish during shipment and be retained at destination.
3. A disease inspection report must be provided with requests to import fish or eggs into Oregon.
4. Shipper/buyer must obtain any other permits or inspections required for transport or import to destination.
5. Continued on back: _____

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Signature _____ Date _____


Distribution: Original & Copy to: *Shipped From (Location)* _____
Salem File: _____
District Biologist: _____

How To Obtain A Permit

✓ Application generated when fish are purchased from Licensed Private Fish Producers

✓ Permit application available from ODFW, Fish Division

✓ Local ODFW Offices can also provide assistance

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ODFW Reviews

- Species approved for location?
 - Basin Plans, First Introduction?
 - Prohibited or controlled species
 - ODFW District guidelines
- Is the pond adequately screened?
 - Inlet
 - Outlet
- Any history of previous stocking?
 - When? What species?
- Is the pond in a floodplain?
- Is the intended use appropriate or approved?
- Reviews normally take 1-2 weeks, but can be longer

Fish Transportation Permits Violations

- Fish imported or released in violation of FT rules are subject to seizure or destruction by the Department at the expense of the person or company who imported or released those fish.
- The Department may in its discretion prescribe alternate methods in lieu of destruction to control illegally imported fish.
- The Department is not liable for the cost of destroying fish or for the cost of the fish destroyed.
- The person or company who imported fish illegally shall be held liable for incidental kill of any other species due to or during destruction of illegally imported fish.

Fish Transportation Permits Summary

- Illegal importation of fish and other aquatic species can and has severely impacted native fish and wildlife and angling opportunities in Oregon.
- ODFW Fish Transport Permit system is designed to protect Oregon's aquatic resources by regulating the stocking of fish into Private Ponds.

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Questions?