



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

ANDY GIPSON
COMMISSIONER

RE: Aquaculture Permit

§ 79-22-5 requires that a “cultivation permit” or “marketing permit” be obtained prior to growing, farming, cultivating and/or harvesting cultured aquatic products in marine or freshwaters, and includes management by an aquaculturist.

Application for such permit, shall be made on forms prescribed by the commissioner, and shall expire December 31 of each year, renewing annually thereafter. The fee for such permit is \$100.00 for the first species and \$10.00 for each additional species. (Example: Largemouth Bass-\$100, Native Bluegill-\$10, Redear-\$10, Hybrid Bream-\$10, and White Crappie-\$10; for a total of \$140.00). After the application has been processed a permit will be issued.

Applications should be completed and submitted along with the applicable fee to:

Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce
Attn: Aquaculture
P.O. Box 1609
Jackson, MS 39215-1609

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Regulatory Services Division at 601-359-1111.



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APPLICATION FOR AQUACULTURE PERMIT

Application for proposed aquaculture activities in Mississippi. Some items apply only to activities located in the coastal area of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties. Not required for activities involving cultured catfish and other native plants and animals.

Application Type (check appropriate types)

Cultivation/Marketing Permit Marketing Permit New

Company Name: _____

Producer Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Directions to project site. (Attach a vicinity map)

Non-Native Species intend to culture, purchase or sell:

COMMON NAME

SCIENTIFIC NAME

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Non-Native species require a filtering system that will prevent the release of the species during all life cycles, into the natural environment. Describe your system and attach a drawing of such system. (Attach diagram)

Native species intended to culture, purchase or sell:

COMMON NAME

SCIENTIFIC NAME

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Source of fish to be possessed: _____

System used to culture fish: Pond Raceway Tank Other

Are these facilities presently in existence? Yes No

Approximate size of ponds or other enclosures: _____

Does water from your facility leave your property? _____

Name of the nearest natural body of water: _____

Do you plan to establish a hatchery facility to rear your own non-native fish fry? Yes No

If so, describe this facility including the location and drainage. _____

Select the ultimate use(s) for the fish: Personal use only

 Commercial sale; Whole, iced Commercial sale; Processed

 Commercial sale; Live (explain) _____

Proposed source of water? (Attach DEQ Permit, if applicable) _____

At maximum capacity, specify the following:

Surface acreage: _____ Gallons per minute: _____

Does operation utilizes a flow-through system? No Yes (Attach Permit, if applicable)

Does the project area contain any marsh vegetation or wetland areas of bottomland hardwoods?
 No Yes (State what type and estimate the acreage) _____

Will your operation require broodstock collected from the waters of the State of Mississippi
 No Yes (Explain and state the number required) _____

Note: A separate permit from the Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks is required for the collection of gamefish from the wild for broodstock.

Has any agency denied approval for the activity described herein or for any activity that is directly related to the activity described herein? No Yes, explain _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

Provide approvals or certifications received or applied for from Federal, State or Local agencies for any activities described in application.

AGENCY/DEPT	TYPE APPROVAL	APPROVING OFFICIAL	DATE APPROVED	PERMIT CATEGORY	PERMIT NUMBER
Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks					
Pollution Control (DEQ)					
Land and Water Resources (DEQ)					
Marine Resources					
Corps of Engineers					

Application is hereby made for authorization to conduct the aquaculture activities described herein. I hereby certify that the information appearing above is true and correct. For and in consideration of the rights and privileges granted herein and under Mississippi Law to the application, the applicant does hereby voluntarily submit itself to the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and all courts in the State of Mississippi.

 Signature of Applicant

 Date

Enclose with Application:

- Application Fee – \$100.00 for first species; plus \$10.00 for each additional species to be cultured.

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- Vicinity Map - Provide a vicinity map showing the location of the proposed site along and a description noting major highways or landmarks; including proposed culturing system with water source(s), run off and or drainage.
- Water Withdrawal Application (if applicable) – <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/>
- Wastewater Discharge permit - <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/>
- Environmental Assessment (Coastal Area Only) - A report or statement assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed activity and the final project, the effects on wetlands and measures to reduce detrimental off-site affects to the coastal wetlands during construction and operational modes.
- Variance or revisions to Mississippi Coastal Program (Coastal Area Only) - If requesting a variance to the guidelines, in the Coastal Wetlands Use Plan a request and justification must be provided.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Type permit required _____ Date _____

Permit Number _____

Other Agency Permit Number _____

Comments: _____
