



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
APPLICATION FOR IMPORTATION OF SALMONID FISHES**



Provisions: Fish Health Certification papers for sources of fish or eggs must be included with this application. Sources must have been certified annually by American Fisheries Society Bluebook or OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals procedures. Certification will only be accepted from federal, state, or industry personnel approved by the department. Diseases of concern are listed on the following page. Fish or eggs from sources which are positive or suspect of diseases not found in Missouri will not be allowed for importation. Importation from sources which are positive for diseases already found in Missouri will be denied if their importation may cause additional risk, such as increased virulence, increased drug resistance, or the potential to expand the distribution of diseases. Additional disease certification may be required from sources with a special risk, such as an area with a disease not routinely checked for by health inspections.

**Process:**

- 1. Complete and sign the application form.**
- 2. Submit copies of all fish health certifications from suppliers' facility performed for the last THREE years along with this completed application.**
- 3. This application must be submitted no less 15 days prior the date of shipment and no more than 80 days prior to shipment.**
- 4. Email application and certifications to: Tatum Redmon, Aquatic Animal Health Scientist at [tatum.redmon@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:tatum.redmon@mdc.mo.gov)**
- 5. Upon approval of application, a permit will be issued which needs to accompany the shipment to its destination in Missouri.**

**Section A. To be completed by applicant only**

<b>Date of Application:</b> _____		<b>Expected Date of Salmonid Shipment Arrival:</b> _____	
<b>Applicant Name:</b> _____		<b>Phone Number:</b> _____	
<b>Applicant Address:</b> _____			
<b>Email Address:</b> _____			
<b>Species to be Imported:</b> _____			
<b>Number and size to be Imported:</b>			
<b>Fish:</b> _____	<b>Eyed Eggs:</b> _____	<b>Green Eggs/Milt:</b> _____	
<b>Destination Address:</b> _____		<b>Name of Carrier:</b> _____	
<b>Supplier Contact Name:</b> _____		<b>Phone Number:</b> _____	
<b>Supplier Email Address:</b> _____		<b>Company Name:</b> _____	
<b>Supplier Address:</b> _____			
<b>Applicant Signature :</b> _____			<b>Date:</b> _____

**(Common acronyms are bolded)**

An importation permit will be issued only if the immediate source of the importation is certified negative for: Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (**VHS** or **VHSV**), Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis (**IPN** or **IPNV**), Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis (**IHN** or **IHNV**), Whirling Disease, *Myxobolus cerebralis* (**WD**, **SWD**, **SW** or **MYX**), or other diseases which may threaten fish stocks within Missouri. Live fish must also be certified as currently free of *Salmincola* spp.

Although not required, we recommend source fish be tested for Bacterial Kidney Disease, *Renibacterium salmoninarum* (**REN**, **BKD**), Furunculosis, *Aeromonas salmonicida* (**BF**, **ASL**), and Enteric Redmouth Disease, *Yersinia ruckeri* (**BR**, **YER**, **ERM**) for the benefit of hatchery health.

**Safe Handling Tips**

Eggs Should always be properly disinfected with an FDA approved disinfectant prior to introduction into a new facility.

Shipping containers not returned to their source should be disinfected with a mixture containing equal parts water and 5.25% sodium hypochlorite bleach or be incinerated.

**Section B. To be completed by Missouri Department of Conservation**

<b>Date(s) of Source's Health Certifications:</b> _____
<b>Permit Issued to:</b> _____ <b>Permit #:</b> _____
<b>Permit Approved by:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____

