



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### AQUACULTURE REGISTRATION RENEWAL APPLICATION

\*Customer ID # \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Name: (Responsible Individual): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

If different than address above: Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Kind of each facility, business, corporation, agency or institution to be covered by this registration.

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|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fish Hatchery</b>  | Mark fish hatchery if you have ponds, raceways, or tanks and are growing fish for sale. | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wholesale Operation</b> | (Selling fish to retailers)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Catch-out Pond</b> | Mark catch-out pond if you charge a fee for on-site fishing.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Retail Operation</b>    | (Selling fish to individuals for their own use) |

**Species of fish that will be included under the registration.** (Please mark only those you sell or plan on selling. Species can be added during the registration period by writing or calling the Special Permit Unit shown above.)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channel catfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Redear sunfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Common carp        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow perch        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Largemouth bass | <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid sunfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater drum    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquitofish        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbow trout   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid bass    | <input type="checkbox"/> Smallmouth buffalo | <input type="checkbox"/> Others - List below |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown trout     | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden shiner  | <input type="checkbox"/> Red drum           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brook trout     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fathead minnow | <input type="checkbox"/> Gizzard shad       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crappie         | <input type="checkbox"/> Goldfish       | <input type="checkbox"/> Threadfin shad     | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bluegill        | <input type="checkbox"/> Koi            |   | _____  |

O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20: "A person who knowingly and willingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement...in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government...shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not less than one or more than five years, or both."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (in ink)

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**Please return you renewal application to:  
GA Law Enforcement Division / Special Permit Unit,  
Aquaculture Program  
2070 U.S. Highway 278 SE**

**Social Circle, Georgia 30025-4743**

**Georgia DNR Fish Suppliers List Application  
(Optional)**

Please complete this form only if you or your company is a properly licensed, bona-fide business supplying fish in commercial quantities, and only if you want to be listed in DNR's publications as a fish supplier.

Note: Catch-out ponds (pay lakes) are listed in DNR's "Small Georgia Lakes Open to Public Fishing" publication without the need to fill out this form

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Social Circle, Georgia 30025-4743**

Call (770) 918-6408 if you have questions.

**1. Completely fill out this section if you want to be listed:**

Business and/or Individual's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business address)

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip County

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Type of business**

<input type="checkbox"/> Live fish supplier (For stocking or food use)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food fish sales only (No live fish sales)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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**3. Types of fish available for sale to the public**

<input type="checkbox"/> Channel catfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid striped bass
<input type="checkbox"/> Largemouth bass	<input type="checkbox"/> Shad
<input type="checkbox"/> Trout	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnows
<input type="checkbox"/> Crappie	<input type="checkbox"/> Goldfish & koi
<input type="checkbox"/> Bream	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**Note: A Wild Animal Regulated Fish License is required to legally sell Grass Carp and Tilapia unless exempt under the Aquaria exclusion. Call the Special Unit for questions at 770-918-6408. All properly licensed dealers are included on a separate "Authorized Grass Carp Suppliers List".**

# Aquaculture Registration Procedures and Information

All individuals selling fish must be properly licensed or have registered as an aqua culturist. An aquaculture registration allows for the production and sale of domestic fish, as defined in 27-1-2(23). The document entitled "A Summary of Georgia's Licenses and Permits for Aquaculture" should be consulted for a full description of all licensing requirements.

## Who is eligible for doing business with an aquaculture registration?

1. Aqua culturists producing and selling or retailers/wholesalers reselling domestic fish.
2. A commercial fish hatchery license, wholesale fish dealers license (DNR) or retail fish dealers license are not needed to sell domestic fish if the seller has registered as an aqua culturist. This includes retailers reselling domestic fish (bait stores, farm and garden stores, etc). Grocery stores do not have to register to sell live domestic fish.
3. At this time, aquaculture registrations are not required for the production and sale of invertebrate organisms such as freshwater prawns (*Machrobrachium* sp.), non-native marine shrimp cultured inland, and crawfish. Voluntary registration is encouraged, however.

## What is not covered by an aquaculture registration?

1. Sale of game fish (may require commercial fish hatchery license).
2. Sale of fish not considered domestic fish (this would include fish covered under 27-5-5 that may or may not require a Wild Animal License for their possession and/or sale – examples: tilapia, non-native trout or salmon species, grass carp, non-native sturgeon, etc).

## What is needed to apply for an 2 year aquaculture registration?

1. A fully completed and signed aquaculture registration application (with actual business address) must be submitted.
2. Completion of the "kind of business" section of application. They will generally either be a hatchery/catch-out pond business producing fish or retail/wholesale business not producing the fish they sell (i.e. domestic bait wholesaler or retail store selling domestic bait fish).
3. If a business or individual wants to be on the DNR fish suppliers list they must fill out the separate application listing the species that they produce/sell and wish to advertise. This application is sometimes on the back of the aquaculture registration application and is available separately at [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com).

## Fish Species Covered as Domestic Fish Under Aquaculture Registration

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
Channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	
Rainbow trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	
Brown trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	
Brook trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	
Crappie	<i>Pomoxis</i> sp.	Black or white
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	
Redear sunfish	<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	
Hybrid sunfish	<i>Lepomis</i> sp.	i.e. "Georgia giants"
Hybrid bass	<i>Morone</i> sp.	Striped bass x white bass
Striped bass	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	
White bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>	
Golden shiner	<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	
Fathead minnow	<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	
Koi	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	
Common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	
Freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>	
Smallmouth buffalo	<i>Ictiobus bubalus</i>	
Red drum	<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	
Gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	
Threadfin shad	<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	
Yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>	
Mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	
Mullet	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	
Bullhead catfish	<i>Ameiurus</i> sp.	
American eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	
Walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>	
Red fin pickerel	<i>Esox americanus</i>	
Chain pickerel	<i>Esox niger</i>	

This list is not exhaustive and all-inclusive but gives a summary of some commonly cultured species that could be covered under an aquaculture registration.

Information on a variety of fish species may be found at [www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org).