



Application form for approval to move live fish into or within Western Australia

Why have I been asked to fill in this form?

The Department of Fisheries, Western Australia, (the Department) is responsible for regulating the translocation movement (translocation) of all live fish into and within Western Australia. Each year, the Department receives a large number of applications to translocate a wide variety of fish species.

Some species have been placed on what's called "a white list". For these species, the Department has carried out a risk assessment and has determined that they are suitable for translocation.

The assessment process is used for all live non-endemic fish translocations from within Australia, whether they enter as eggs, juvenile stock or adult fish and regardless of origin.

How do I fill in the form?

In most cases, you will need to complete a translocation application by filling out this form for each species requiring assessment. Particular types of translocation require an *authority*. Applicants seeking **authority** to translocate must address the terms of references on the application form for **Authority to translocate live fish into and within Western Australia**. To find out if you need to fill in this particular form visit www.fish.wa.gov.au or contact the Department of Fisheries Translocation Officer on 9482 7251 or at translocation@fish.wa.gov.au.

Why do I need to do this?

Filling in the form correctly will help speed up the processing of your application. Translocation applications with insufficient detail cannot be assessed.

You also need to be aware there are substantial penalties for translocating live non-endemic fish without the written approval or written authority of the Department of Fisheries' Chief Executive Officer.

The application form is also used to gather information on whether the translocation application possesses certain attributes, which could increase the likelihood of the fish species becoming a pest in Western Australian waters. Based on the assessment of the information provided, the Department will either (a) permit the species to be translocated subject to certain conditions, or

(b) refuse approval for the species to be translocated, or (c) require further assessment of the species, where it comes from and where it's going to.

Non-endemic species of fish that are already present in Western Australia, either widely distributed or commercially available in significant quantities, still require assessment.

The form consists of nine parts - Sections A to H and Z. Please complete all nine sections.

Please provide as much relevant information as possible to avoid delays in assessing the application. Also, feel free to expand and support your application by attaching additional pages.

Finally, please make sure all answers and comments are written as **neatly** and **clearly** as possible. This will again help the Department to assess your application as efficiently as possible.

Is there any other information that I should provide?

Yes, independent references to back up your application will help speed up the assessment! As part of the assessment process, the Department's Biosecurity Section must verify your responses' accuracy. Information from independent sources backing up your responses will help with this and will reduce the assessment time accordingly.

Independent sources include papers from scientific journals, textbooks and books relating to fish and the keeping of fish. Other useful information could include comments from experts in aquaculture, CSIRO, Departments of Fisheries or universities, for example.

Remember – **the more information you supply** the less research the Department must do to assess your application and **the shorter the assessment time**.

What do I do with the completed form?

Completed form and additional information should be sent to:

**Translocation Officer
Department of Fisheries
Locked Bag 39
Cloisters Square
PERTH WA 6850**

The Department will then advise you of the outcome of the assessment as quickly as possible.

Queries about your application can be made to the Translocation Officer on 9482 7251 or at translocation@fish.wa.gov.au

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SECTION A – APPLICANT

A.1 Applicant's name: _____

A.2 Company / organisation: _____

A.3 Australian Business Number: _____

A.4 Business address: _____

A.5 Postal address: _____

A.6 Mobile phone number: _____

A.7 Office / home phone number: _____

A.8 Email address: _____

SECTION B – SOURCE

B.1 Source of the fish (where it is being moved – translocated – from):

B.2 Address of the premises where the fish are to be brought from:

B.3 Name of supplier: _____

B.4 Licence held by supplier: _____

SECTION C – RECEIVING FACILITY

C.1 Description (address) of location of the premises / place where the fish are to be moved to (receiving facility):

C.2 Registered proprietor of the premises where the fish are to be kept:

C.3 Nature of the applicant's tenure arrangements (i.e. do you own the facility, or are you leasing it?)

SECTION D – STOCK

D.1 Common names of the fish: _____

D.2 Life-stage of the fish (e.g. eggs, juveniles or adults)

D.3 Total quantity of each fish species:

D.4 Number of batches moved within one year: _____

D.5 Number of fish in each batch: _____

D.6 Has the stock been genetically altered in anyway? (e.g. triploidy)

D.7 If applicable, will the fish have specified pathogen-free certification prior to the translocation?

SECTION E – PURPOSE

E.1 Purpose for which the fish are to be moved / kept:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture and aquaponics (non-commercial) | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stocking | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquarium retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restocking or stock enhancement | <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental display/hobby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |

SECTION F – SPECIES

F.1 Scientific name of the fish (Genus & species):

F.2 Family name of the fish species:

F.3 Taxonomic reference: (i.e. where a scientific reference to the species can be found e.g. Allen, G., Field Guide To Freshwater Fishes Of Australia):

F.4 Natural distribution and origin of the species:

F.5 Climate of the bioregion where the fish is naturally distributed:

F.6 Description of the type of (marine, freshwater or estuarine) environment where the fish is naturally distributed:

F.7 Habitat requirements (e.g. deep, running freshwater; coastal mud flats etc.) of the species:

SECTION G – WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SOURCE

G.1 Does the species exist in natural environments in Western Australia? (If so, please provide details)

G.2 Is the species produced in captivity in Western Australia? (If so, please provide details)

G.3 If the answer was yes to **G.1** or **G.2**, could the stock be supplied from this source? If not, please justify the source specified in Section B:

G.4 If it is possible to source the stock in Western Australia, please describe this source. Outline any potential problems associated with the Western Australian source:

SECTION H – BIOSECURITY

H.1 Is the species found in waterways or coastal waters within the local area where the fish are to be moved to? (If so, please provide details)

H.2 What is the name and proximity of the nearest freshwater water-body or waterway to the place where fish are to be moved (receiving facility)?

H.3 If the fish specified in Section F is a marine or estuarine species, what is the name and proximity of the nearest estuary or coastal area to the receiving facility?

H.4 Describe the methods used to package and transport the fish:

H.5 Describe the facility (e.g. aquarium system and set-up) for keeping fish, including the water holding capacity, water source and drainage (a site plan can be attached to the application):

H.6 What measures will be taken to ensure fish (including eggs or fry) cannot escape?

H.7 What methods will be used to manage the waste and waste-water that is produced from keeping fish? (i.e. how is dirty water dealt with?)

H.8 What is the intended fate of the fish? (e.g. for the table, for ornamental purposes etc.)

SECTION Z – DECLARATION AND CONSENT

Applicant's Declaration

I/We declare that I/we have read the Translocation Guidelines issued by the Department of Fisheries, Western Australia, in respect for an application to translocate a live non-endemic fish species into and within Western Australia.

I/We declare that the statements made in this application are true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Consent

I/We consent to and authorise the provision of the whole or any part of this application and any attachments submitted with this application, to any person as part of any consultative or other inter-departmental process undertaken by the Department of Fisheries.

Signature: _____ Date: _____