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NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

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Dear Hatchery Manager,

The Division of Fish and Wildlife is currently updating the state's list of *Commercial Fish Hatcheries Serving New Jersey* for the 2021 stocking season. In the future we would like to provide this request and communication via email. On the fish health history request form, please indicate your current email address so that we can provide you with these documents electronically in the future. The list of Commercial Fish Hatcheries Serving New Jersey will be provided to all applicants for permits to stock fish or fish eggs in New Jersey. The list will contain the name and contact information for your hatchery, and the species of fish available for sale.

To be listed for a particular fish species, a hatchery supplier must provide accurate and satisfactory information concerning the origin and health status of the fish they sell, as well as comply with testing requirements. Our current policy requires that all fish released into New Jersey waters must be procured from a hatchery which appears on this list. The 2021 Commercial Hatchery List will also list any specific disease certifications that you have documented for your facility. Please take note of the fish health requirements below.

***All documents are to be sent to Dr. Lovy in Pequest, NJ. The mailing address and contact information are listed at the end of the document.**

To be included on this list a hatchery must:

- (1) Annually, complete a "Fish Health History Request Form" (enclosed), which indicates which fish species are offered for sale, the origin of all fish stocks, and their health status.
- (2) An annual fish health inspection must be completed and provided to the Division of Fish and Wildlife to be approved for stocking within the state. Details for fish health testing are as follows:
 - **Sample sizes** must conform to the American Fisheries Society (AFS) Bluebook or World Organization of Animal Health (OIE) requirements. Briefly, approved methods include a site inspection of 150 fish or testing of 60 fish per species/lot within the hatchery. When testing a facility using 150 fish, the most susceptible species and lots should be appropriately selected for each pathogen being tested. For facilities rearing and providing both salmonid and non-salmonid fish for sale, either 60 fish should be tested per species/lot for appropriate pathogens, or a representative 150 fish sample must be taken from each of the salmonids and non-salmonids to ensure a minimum of 150 salmonids are tested for the salmonid-specific pathogens.
 - **Salmonids** including all trout must be tested for the viral agents causing infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), infectious hematopoietic necrosis (IHN), and viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS). Any cytopathic effect with a suspected viral etiology must be reported in the health inspection. The bacterial agents including *Aeromonas salmonicida* causing furunculosis, *Yersinia ruckeri* causing enteric redmouth, and *Renibacterium salmoninarum* causing bacterial kidney disease (BKD) must be included in the inspection. Testing for whirling disease, caused by *Myxobolus cerebralis*, must include at least 60 of the most susceptible fish from each lot being tested.
 - **Non-salmonids** must be tested for the viral agents causing infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), largemouth bass virus (LMBV), and spring viremia of carp

(SVC). Any cytopathic effects with suspected viral etiology must be reported in the health inspection. The bacterial agents including *Aeromonas salmonicida*, causing furunculosis, and *Yersinia ruckeri*, causing enteric redmouth, must be included in the inspection.

- **Biosecurity** should be maintained at the hatcheries. If any fish are brought in from outside the facility and are not represented on the current health inspection of the same year, the fish/species brought into the facility must be reported and health certification must be provided to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The fish species and number being brought into the facility, origin of the fish, and appropriate fish health records must be sent to Jan Lovy to be maintained on the certified hatchery list.
- (3) Provide documentation (health inspection or certification reports) that all fish received from sources within the enzootic area of the parasite *Ceratonova Shasta* (west coast of North America or from outside of North America), have been inspected and found free of that parasite.
 - (4) If you rear Rainbow Trout and/or Brook Trout, report on the “Fish Health History Request Form” if gill lice (caused by *Salmincola californiensis* or *Salmincola edwardsii*) have been detected in your facility.
 - (5) Keep accurate records of fish health inspections and transfers of fish into and out of the facility, and, upon request, make those records available to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

***In order to protect the biosecurity of the N.J. State Pequest Trout Hatchery, which raises all trout for public stocking within the state, the Pequest watershed will only be stocked by the Pequest Trout Hatchery. No private stocking of trout from outside sources will be approved for stocking within this watershed.**

For efficient processing please fill out both sides of the enclosed form completely and make any necessary corrections, additions or deletions in address or contact information. Please be sure to answer all questions on the back of the form and to include all documents showing that your hatchery has been inspected for the diseases listed. If you sell fish that you do not raise, a Fish Health History Request form must be filled out by the owner or manager of the hatchery where the fish are raised and forwarded with your information. Documentation that these fish have been tested and found free of the applicable diseases must also accompany this information. In order to assure your information is processed without delay please obtain required disease testing documentation and send with your application. Also be sure to submit pertinent disease testing information for **all** species you seek approval for. You will not be notified by this office of species not approved for stocking from your facility.

Failure to complete the 2021 Fish Health History Request Form or provide the necessary information will result in denial of stocking permit applications that list your facility as the source hatchery. If you wish to be placed on New Jersey’s 2021 Commercial Hatchery List, **please return completed forms by email or mail to this office no later than March 1st, 2021**. Email the completed form and supporting documentation to Jan.Lovy@dep.nj.gov and Sarah.Friend@dep.nj.gov and we will confirm receipt of your information.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely yours,

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Fish Health History Request - 2021

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NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife

Name of Hatchery		*Indicate email address for future correspondences	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Owner/Manager		Phone Number	

Place a check in the column next to each species you offer for sale to customers in New Jersey. Please list only those species of fish that are hatched and raised at your facility. If you sell fish which are hatched or raised at other hatcheries, please include the name and address of the source hatchery. Those hatcheries must complete a separate "Fish Health History Request" form.

Place a check mark (✓) in this column if this species is hatched or raised at your facility	SPECIES	Please list the source hatchery if you sell fish that are not hatched and raised at your facility
	Rainbow Trout	
	Brown Trout	
	Brook Trout	
	Largemouth Bass	
	Smallmouth Bass	
	Channel Catfish	
	Brown Bullhead	
	Hybrid Striped Bass	
	Yellow Perch	
	Walleye	
	Northern Pike	
	Muskellunge	
	Bluegill	
	Pumpkinseed	
	Crappie	
	Golden Shiner	
	Fathead Minnow	
	Triploid Grass Carp	

Have any of the following been found in fish reared at your facility over the past 5 years, or have any of the fish at your facility tested positive for the following? Please write yes or no and if yes state species and occurrence.

	Yes/No	Species	Last Occurred
Bacterial Kidney Disease (<i>Renibacterium salmoninarum</i>)			
Whirling Disease (<i>Myxobolus cerebralis</i>)			
Enteric Redmouth (<i>Yersinia ruckeri</i>)			
Furunculosis (<i>Aeromonas salmonicida</i>)			
Enteric Septicemia of Catfish (<i>Edwardsiella ictaluri</i>)			
Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis Virus (IPNV)			
Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHNV)			
Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHS)			
Channel Catfish Virus (CCV)			
Largemouth Bass Virus (LMBV)			
Spring Viremia of Carp (SVC)			

Have any fish health inspections been conducted at your facility in the past year? _____

If yes, please furnish a copy of any applicable inspection certificate or report.

Have you obtained any fish from VHS-affected or at-risk states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin) or Canadian provinces (Ontario, Quebec) ? _____

If yes, please include documentation that they have tested negative for VHS virus.

Have gill lice (caused by *Salmincola* spp.) been detected in trout reared at your facility? If so, which species of trout? _____

Within the past 3 years at this facility have you obtained fish or eggs from the west coast (Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Alaska, British Columbia) or from outside of North America ? _____

*If yes, please include documentation that they have been inspected for IHN and VHS virus and the parasite *Ceratonova shasta*.*

If you offer triploid grass carp for sale, please give name and address of certifying agency. Please include a copy of the MOU if the US Fish and Wildlife Service is the certifying agency.

Agency : _____

Address : _____

Phone # : _____

I certify that the above information is correct.

Name

Title

Date