



APPLICATION TRIPLOID GRASS CARP POSSESSION & TRANSPORT PERMIT

No person, firm or corporation shall at any time possess, sell or cause to be transported into this state, triploid grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), except in accordance with LAC 76.VII.901 (Attachment A). **This permit does not provide for stocking of Triploid Grass Carp in public water bodies of the state.**

Dear Permit Applicant:

1. No person shall stock private water bodies in the state of Louisiana without a Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transport permit.
2. Individuals wishing to import or possess live triploid grass carp in Louisiana must submit the attached Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transport Permit Application for a fee of \$50.00.
3. The Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transport permit shall be valid for one year from date of purchase. In cases of mortality or unavoidable loss, restocking will be permitted as long as permit is still valid. A new permit must be requested for subsequent purchases if permit has expired.
4. Permittees may stock up to 10 fish per acre of water, and shall not exceed 500 fish. Request to stock **more than** 500 fish must be approved by the department through site visitations by a Department representative prior to issuance of permit. Please contact LDWF Permit Manager in the Office of Fisheries to set up a site visit of the waterbody where carp are to be stocked at 225-765-0765.
5. Triploid grass carp must be certified as triploid grass carp by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the Department. Please refer to the Gamefish Fingerling Producers list found on LDWF web site (www.wlf.louisiana.gov)
6. Fingerlings must be a minimum of six inches in total length.
7. Permits are not transferable from person to person or from site location to site location.
8. Permittee is responsible for containing triploid grass carp in his private waterbody and erecting barriers to prevent the escapement into adjoining waters. Any damages caused by any escapement will be the responsibility of the permittee.
9. **Other restrictions may be noted in the attached rule from LAC 76:VII.901 (Attachment A). Please maintain a copy of rules and regulations for your records.**



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Applicant's Name: _____
First Initial Last

Address: _____
Street/R.F.D. City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above) P. O. Box City State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____
Month Day Year (Mandatory)

Applicant's Driver's License Number: _____ **Telephone Number (____):** _____

Will number of carp purchased under permit exceed **500** fish? YES* NO
** If yes, a site visitation will need to be conducted by a Department representative prior to approving permit. Please contact Permit Manager at 225-765-0765 for additional information.*

Are you purchasing carp for your own pond? YES NO

If purchasing carp for a company or organization, please provide:

Company's/Organization's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street/R.F.D. City State Zip

Parish and address/description of where pond(s) is located:

Permit Fee: \$50.00 (please make check or money order payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property rights upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, canceled or revoked at any time by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. I agree to immediately surrender the permit issued to me upon demand made upon me by any authorized employee of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. I understand that my failure to fully and completely comply with the laws, regulations, terms, and conditions referred to herein will result in the immediate suspension, cancellation or revocation of this and other permits issued to me by the Department and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my actions. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate fully and completely with the Department or any of its employees can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting a permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein in accordance with LAC 76:VII.901.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
License Section
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, La 70898-9000

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____
LDWF #: _____
Money Order, Check: _____
APPROVAL FOR \geq 500 CARP: Y ___ N ___

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ATTACHMENT A

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 9. Aquaculture

§901. Triploid Grass Carp

A. General Provisions

1. No person, firm, or corporation shall at any time possess, sell or cause to be transported into this state, triploid grass carp (TGC) (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), except in accordance with and in compliance with this Section.

B. Triploid Grass Carp (TGC) Possession and Transport Permit

1. General Rules for TGC Possession and Transportation Permit

a. No person shall stock private waterbodies in the state of Louisiana without a TGC possession and transport permit.

b. No person shall import, transport and/or purchase TGC to be brought into the state unless such fish are certified as TGC by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the department.

c. No person shall import, transport or possess fingerlings less than six inches in total length, eggs, or fry within the state.

d. Permits are not transferable from person to person or from site location to site location.

e. Permittee shall provide an adequate number of TGC to the department, at no cost to the department, upon request, to verify ploidy. The permittee shall agree to allow department officials or a department approved contractor to conduct unannounced random inspections of the transport vehicle, property, waterbody site, and fish.

f. Department officials may be accompanied by other persons during these inspections. The department or its agents have the right to remove or take fish samples for analysis and/or inspection.

g. Permittee is responsible for criminal penalties or civil damages caused by any escapement.

h. In cases of mortality or unavoidable loss, restocking will be permitted as long as permit is still valid.

i. If a permittee terminates the use of TGC in the permitted waterbody, the permittee shall notify the department immediately and dispose of the TGC according to methods approved by the department.

j. In addition to all other legal remedies, failure to comply with any of the provisions in this Section shall be just cause to immediately suspend and/or revoke the permittee's permit. All TGC shall be destroyed at permittee's expense

under the department's supervision within 30 days of permit revocation. Violation of any of the provisions of the permit constitutes a Class Four violation in accordance with R.S. 56:319.E

k. Any permittee charged with violation of this Section may make a written response to the alleged violation(s) to the secretary, and may request a hearing to review the alleged violation(s).

1. Universities and public entities conducting research approved by or in conjunction with the department shall be exempt from fee charges.

2. Application Procedure for a TGC Possession and Transport Permit

a. Individuals wishing to import or possess live TGC in Louisiana, but not sell them, must apply for a TGC possession and transport permit from the department for a fee of \$50. TGC possession and transport permittees do not need to possess a domesticated aquatic organism license.

b. The TGC possession and transport permit shall be valid for one year from date of purchase.

c. Permittees may stock up to the recommended 10 fish per acre of water. Request to stock more than 500 fish must be approved by the department through site visitations by a department representative. Fisheries staff of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service or other qualified fisheries professional(s) approved by the department may be used as a substitution for departmental site visit.

3. Requirements for transporting and stocking of TGC in private water bodies.

a. Permittee must have in his immediate possession and available upon demand by department representatives, a TGC possession and transportation permit when importing, transporting and/or purchasing live TGC within the state.

b. A bill of lading must accompany those individuals in possession of live TGC during transportation and shall include:

- i. source of TGC (hatchery);
- ii. name, address, and phone number of seller;
- iii. name, address, and phone number of buyer;
- iv. copy of triploid certification;
- v. total number of fish;
- vi. destination of shipment.

c. No person shall stock private waters without a valid TGC possession and transportation permit.

d. Permittee is responsible for containing TGC in his private waterbody.

e. This permit does not authorize the permittee to stock TGC in public waterbodies of the state. Release of any fish

into the waters of the state is strictly prohibited, except as provided in Subsection D.

C. TGC Sales Permit

1. Request Procedure for a TGC Sales Permit

a. Individuals wishing to sell live TGC in the state must first obtain a TGC Sales Permit through an application furnished by the department.

b. The TGC Sales Permit shall be valid for one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of that same calendar year. The permit may be purchased at any time during the year for the current permit year and beginning November 15 for the immediately following permit year. The cost of a TGC Sales Permit is \$100.

c. An annual report detailing each sales transaction, including name and address of permitted buyer, permit number, date, and number of TGC sold must be submitted with permit renewal application. Reports should be sent to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fisheries Permit Manager by emailing fisheriespermits@wlf.la.gov or by mail:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Fisheries Permit Manager
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

2. Requirement for TGC Sales Permit

a. No person shall import or cause to be imported into the state of Louisiana TGC unless certified as TGC by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the department. Such certification must be furnished to and approved by the department prior to importing of any fish into the state of Louisiana for stocking.

b. A TGC seller must possess a valid domestic aquatic organism license.

c. The person shall ship TGC with the words "TRIPLOID GRASS CARP" prominently on at least two sides of the vehicle or hauling tank with block letters that are not less than four inches high.

d. A TGC seller is bound by the TGC possession and transportation regulations as stipulated in LAC 76:VII.901.B; except that:

i. the TGC sales permit serves in lieu of the TGC possession and transportation permit;

ii. the holders of a TGC sales permit may only sell live TGC to holders of a valid TGC possession and transportation permit or a TGC sales permit;

iii. no person shall sell more than 500 TGC to an individual possessing a valid TGC possession and transportation permit unless otherwise stipulated by the department in the permit.

e. A TGC seller shall notify the department at the designated telephone number (1-800-442-2511) of shipments

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of live TGC to permitted buyers at least 24 hours prior to shipment. Notification shall include seller's permit number, buyer's name, address, buyer's permit number, number of fish, destination of shipment, and date.

f. In addition to all other legal remedies, failure to comply with any of the provisions in this Section shall be just cause to immediately suspend and/or revoke the permittee's permit. All TGC shall be destroyed at permittee's expense under the department's supervision within 30 days of permit revocation. Violation of any of the provisions of the permit constitutes a class four violation in accordance with R.S. 56:319.E

D. Requirements for Stocking TGC in Public (state or local) Waterbodies

1. No person shall release TGC into the public waters of Louisiana without written approval of the secretary or designee. Individuals, organizations, and local governments may request, in writing, that they be allowed to stock TGC in public waters. The department shall review the request, and if approved, shall provide written approval signed by the secretary or designee.

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13. In addition to all other legal remedies, including provisions of R.S. 56:319.E, failure to comply with any of the provisions herein shall be just cause to immediately suspend and/or revoke the permittee's permit. All molluscan shellfish shall be destroyed at permittee's expense under the department's supervision within 30 days of permit revocation.

14. Any permittee allegedly in violation of the above rules has a right to make a written response of the alleged violation(s) to the secretary requesting a hearing to review the alleged violation(s) within five days.

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