



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 14796
Baton Rouge, La 70898-9000

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

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 (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), except in accordance with and in compliance with the following regulations.

a. The following regulations govern the importation, transportation, possession, disposal and sale of live triploid grass carp for aquatic plant control in private and public waters, including ponds on public golf courses, municipal water treatment plants, parks and zoos. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict or prevent the Department from conducting bona-fide research studies and fish and aquatic plant management programs as authorized by law or regulation.

2. Definitions:

Department—the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or an authorized employee of the Department.

Permittee—individual that possesses a valid Louisiana triploid grass carp permit. A permittee can only be a natural person. A permittee may represent himself, a business, corporation or organization. The permittee is responsible for compliance with all stipulations in the permit.

Secretary—the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Triploid Grass Carp—refers to *Ctenopharyngodon idella* fingerlings and larger individuals that are certified as triploid carp (3N chromosomes) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the Department.

Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transportation Permit—the official document that identifies the terms of and allows for the importation, transportation and possession of live triploid grass carp in Louisiana for use in privately owned waterbodies.

Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit—the official document that allows for the importation, transportation, possession and sale of live triploid grass carp in Louisiana as approved by the Secretary or his designee.

Triploid Grass Carp Seller—a properly licensed fish farmer who possesses a triploid grass carp sales permit.

B. Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transport Permit

1. General Rules for Triploid Grass Carp possession and transportation permit

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

b. No person shall import, transport and/or purchase triploid grass carp to be brought into the state of Louisiana unless such fish are certified as triploid grass carp 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 or eggs or fry within the state of Louisiana.

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

e. Permittee shall provide an adequate number of triploid grass carp 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 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 triploid grass carp in the permitted waterbody, the permittee shall notify the department immediately and dispose of the triploid grass carp 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 triploid grass carp 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. Qualified universities and public entities conducting research approved by or in conjunction with the department shall be exempt from fee charges.

2. Request Procedure for a Triploid Grass Carp possession and transport permit

a. Individuals wishing to import or possess live triploid grass carp in Louisiana, but not sell them, must apply for a Triploid Grass Carp possession and transport permit from the department for a fee of \$50.

b. The Triploid Grass Carp possession and transport permit shall be valid for one year from date of purchase. Permittee must request new permit for subsequent purchases if permit has expired.

c. 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. Fisheries staff of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service or other qualified fisheries professional approved by the department may be used as a substitution for departmental site visit.

3. Requirement for transporting and stocking of Triploid Grass Carp in private water bodies

a. Permittee must have in his immediate possession and available upon demand by department representatives, a Triploid Grass Carp possession and transportation permit when importing, transporting and/or purchasing live triploid grass carp within the state of Louisiana.

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

- i. Source of triploid grass carp (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 in the state of Louisiana without a valid Triploid Grass Carp possession and transport permit.

d. Permittee is responsible for containing triploid grass carp in his private waterbody. Permittee is also responsible for erecting barriers to prevent the escape of triploid grass carp into adjoining waters.

e. This permit does not authorize the permittee to stock Triploid Grass Carp 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 below.

C. Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit

1. Request Procedure for a Triploid Grass Carp permit

a. Individuals wishing to sell live triploid grass carp in the state of Louisiana must first request a Triploid Grass Carp sales permit through an application furnished by the department.

b. The Triploid Grass Carp sales permit shall be valid for one year beginning January first and ending December thirty-first of that same calendar year. The permit may be purchased at any time during the year for the current permit year and beginning November fifteenth for the immediately following permit year. The cost of a Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit is \$250.

c. An annual report detailing each sales transaction, including name and address of permitted buyer, permit number, date and number of triploid grass carp sold must be submitted with permit renewal application.

2. Requirement for Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit

a. No person shall import or cause to be imported into the state of Louisiana triploid grass carp unless certified as triploid grass carp 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 triploid grass carp seller must possess a valid domestic aquatic organism license.

c. The person shall ship triploid grass carp without 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 triploid grass carp seller is bound by the triploid grass carp possession and transportation regulations as stipulated in LAC 76:VII.901.B; except that:

i. The Triploid Grass Carp sales permit serves in lieu of the Triploid Grass Carp possession and transportation permit.

ii. The holders of a Triploid Grass Carp sales permit may only sell live triploid grass carp to holders of a valid Triploid Grass Carp possession and transportation permit or a Triploid Grass Carp sales permit.

iii. No person shall sell more than 500 triploid grass carp to an individual possessing a valid Triploid Grass Carp possession and transport permit unless otherwise stipulated by the department in the permit.

e. A triploid grass carp seller shall notify the Department at the designated telephone number (1-800-442-2511) of shipments of live triploid grass carp 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 triploid grass carp 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 Triploid Grass Carp in public (state or local) waterbodies

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

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