



OYSTER IMPORTATION APPLICATION

LDWF allows oyster imports from the northern Gulf of America ONLY. Filing an application does NOT guarantee approval. Permits are issued on a case-by case-basis. Applicants will be notified in writing of the Department's decision. If approved, permit issuance may take up to 10 business days after all required documents are received. Permit holders must notify the Department at least two business days prior to each importation event. A copy of the permit and all accompanying permit documents must be kept with the oysters being imported throughout transport or delivery.

Applicant Name (individual's name): _____

Business name (if applicable): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Import (final) destination (facility address/lease number/water body/etc., where oysters will be placed): _____

Hatchery(s) and/or Source(s) of *C. virginica*: _____

C. virginica life-stage to be imported: _____

Approximate total number of oysters expected to be imported: _____

Anticipated number of importation events: _____

Est. date of first import event: _____

Est. date of last import event: _____

Describe any additional biosecurity measures you will implement to reduce the risk of introducing parasites or invasive species into Louisiana waters.

Note: Oysters sourced from Florida or Texas currently qualify for import only under Louisiana's Domesticated Aquatic Organisms guidelines for inland aquaculture operations. These imports require both an Import Permit and a Molluscan Shellfish Permit (MSP). Please include your MSP number below and outline any additional operational safeguards you'll have in place.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit application and questions to: Ty Lindsey
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