

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE Import of Fish (England and Wales) Act 1980 and/or Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 _____



Application for a licence to keep or introduce into an inland water in England non-native species of fish listed in the **Schedule to the Prohibition of Keeping or Release of Live Fish (Specified Species) (Amendment) (England) Order 2003** made under the **Import of Live Fish (England and Wales) Act 1980** and/or to introduce into the wild in England fish or shellfish, including crustacea, or the eggs of fish or shellfish not ordinarily resident in and not a regular visitor to Great Britain in a wild state, or which are included in **Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**.

Please complete form in Black ink and BLOCK LETTERS and return to:
CEFAS Weymouth Laboratory, Barrack Road, The Nothe, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8UB.
Tel: 01305 206673/4 Fax: 01305 206602 Website: www.efishbusiness.com

PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE NOTES ON PAGE 4 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.
If you have any problems, please contact CEFAS.

1. Name and full postal address of person to whom licence will be issued*			
	Postcode		
Tel. No: <small>(incl national dialling code)</small>	Fax No: <small>(if appropriate)</small>	e-mail address: <small>(if appropriate)</small>	

***N.B.** If the licensee is not the owner of the water, then proof of the owner's consent for the introduction/keeping of the fish must be provided in writing. The licensee will be responsible for upholding any and all conditions imposed. Defra **must** be informed of any change affecting the licence including changes in ownership of the fish and/or of the water.

2. Please specify the type of licence holder: **(Tick appropriate box)**

● Retailer/Dealer/Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/>	● Hobbyist <input type="checkbox"/>	● Research <input type="checkbox"/>
● Fish Farm <input type="checkbox"/>	● Fishery <input type="checkbox"/>	● Mixed fishery and fish farm <input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide registration number (if known)

3. Type of licence required:

● Introduction/Keeping <input type="checkbox"/>	● Keeping only <input type="checkbox"/>
-------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------

4. (a) Please list the species of fish to be kept/introduced:

List the species of fish or shellfish or eggs to be introduced/kept (including scientific name where known) and type OR variety where appropriate	Tick appropriate box(es)		Tick appropriate box(es)		Weight, length range of fish	Number
	Introduction/Keeping	Keeping only	Fish/shellfish	Eggs		

(b) For what purpose are the fish to be introduced/kept?

5. Source of fish
(address of fish
farmer/ breeder/
supplier should
be given)

Postcode		
Tel. No: (incl national dialling code)	Fax No: (if appropriate)	e-mail address: (if appropriate)

6. When do you wish to introduce/start keeping the fish/eggs/shellfish?

7. (a) Address where the fish etc.
are to be held/kept
(if different from 1 overleaf)

Postcode		
Tel. No: (incl national dialling code)	Fax No: (if appropriate)	e-mail address: (if appropriate)

(b) If your application is for
a mixed fishery/fish farm,
please tick where the fish
will be kept:

fishery
 fish farm
 fishery/fish farm

(c) **All applicants** please
describe/specify the type
of holding/keeping facility

**Retailers, dealers, wholesalers, hobbyists, researchers and aquariums should now
sign the form on page 3 and return to CEFAS at the address on the front page.**

8. Location of water at which fish, or eggs of fish or shellfish are to be kept/introduced

(You **MUST** supply the name, OS map reference and a map (sketch/brochure/site plan) of the waters).

(a) Name of water

● OS map ref

(b) Description of water: (**Tick appropriate box**)

river
 lake
 pond
 canal
 enclosed water e.g.flooded gravel pit or quarry

fish farm
 *other
 *please specify

(c) Size of water

(d) Name of Environment Agency area
in whose area the water is located

● If the Environment Agency has been
consulted, name of officer involved

(e) Is the water in a: (**Tick as appropriate**)

● Site of Special Scientific Interest?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	● National Nature Reserve?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
● Marine Nature Reserve?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	● Special Protection Area?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
● Special Area of Conservation?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	● RAMSAR Site?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

If the answers to all 6 questions are '**NO**', are you aware of any proposals by English
Nature to designate the water or any adjacent land under one of these categories?

YES NO

(f) Please list any other fish
or shellfish species known
or believed to be present:

GUIDANCE NOTES

- **Purpose of licensing scheme.** The aim of the licensing system is to control the introduction and keeping of non-native species of fish and shellfish in all inland waters because of their potential effect on the indigenous flora and fauna.
- **Who needs a licence?** Everyone who plans to keep or introduce non-native fish of the species listed in the enclosed guide requires a licence under the Import of Live Fish (England and Wales) Act 1980. This includes fish farmers, retailers and dealers, as well as owners and managers of fisheries. The only exceptions are red shiner (*Cyprinella / Notropis lutrensis*) and fathead minnows or roseyreds (*Pimephales promelas*) to be **kept in indoor aquaria only** and grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), sturgeon and sterlet (of the genera *Acipenser*, *Huso*, *Pseudoscaphirhynchus* and *Scaphirhynchus*) and catfish (of the genus *Ictalurus Ameiurus*) **kept in garden ponds and indoor aquaria**, for which a general licence has been issued and individual licences are not required. Red shiner, fathead minnow or roseyreds, grass carp, sturgeon and sterlet and catfish kept elsewhere, e.g. by retailers and dealers, require a specific licence. The general licence for catfish will be reviewed in 2003.

Licences will normally be issued in two forms. For fisheries a licence will authorise a single introduction of a given number of a named species, and will also authorise the licence-holder to keep fish on that site. It will not authorise any subsequent introduction – a separate application **must** be made.

For fish farmers, retailers and dealers a licence will, where appropriate, authorise multiple introductions and the keeping of named species, at the named site.

Anyone who plans to introduce non-native fish into the wild requires a licence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. For the purposes of the licensing arrangements under the 1981 Act and the Import of Live Fish (England and Wales) Act 1980, a working definition of the wild as it relates to fish/shellfish only has been agreed as follows:

"With respect to the introduction of a particular group or species of fish (or shellfish), a water is defined as "the wild" if it cannot be guaranteed that all the fish could be recovered with reasonable ease or if any viable life stage of the fish (or shellfish) could escape from it into open watercourses or waters connected to a continuous body of water. In general only small, fully enclosed sites from which fish can easily be recovered can be regarded as **not** the wild".

Licences are issued by CEFAS and are free of charge. Applications should be submitted to the above address **at least two months before** the proposed introduction or keeping of fish/shellfish. Please note that it is an offence to introduce, or allow to escape, into the wild non-native species of fish and shellfish and their eggs without a licence, and to keep or introduce the non-native species listed in the enclosed guide without a licence. Further information is available by telephoning CEFAS on 01305 206673/4 during normal office hours.

- **Garden pond.** For the purposes of the new licensing arrangements, garden ponds are described as discrete, isolated bodies of water not exceeding one acre in size on private residential premises, with no risk of escape of fish into the wild, that are not used for fishing or any commercial purposes related to fish rearing or dealing.
- **Licence Validity. Applicants other than fish farmers and dealers.** A licence will normally require you to introduce the fish/shellfish listed on it within two months. A licence will authorise the introduction of a single consignment (which may consist of more than one species obtained from more than one source) into a single location during the given period. A licence will normally also authorise the keeping of fish for an indefinite period. You must comply with any conditions attached to your licence, otherwise it may be revoked and you may face prosecution.
- **Environment Agency consent.** The introduction into inland waters of fish or fish eggs will usually require the prior written consent of the Environment Agency under section 30 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975. If you have not already done so, you may find it helpful to consult your local Environment Agency office about section 30 consent and the potential suitability of any proposed introduction of non-native fish. We will be unable to issue a licence for any introduction if we are advised that the Agency refuses to grant section 30 consent.
- **Consultation. Applicants should note that English Nature and the Environment Agency are consulted on all applications and, therefore, all information contained in the completed form will be disclosed to them.**
- **Imports from outside Great Britain.** If you wish to introduce fish or shellfish which originate from another Member State of the European Union or from a third country outside the European Union you should contact the CEFAS Weymouth Laboratory.
- **Deposits of Lobsters or Molluscan Shellfish.** Separate licences are required for the deposit of lobsters in designated areas and written consent is required from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs for movements and deposits of molluscan shellfish into and from controlled areas. For further information about these requirements please contact the CEFAS Weymouth Laboratory.
- **Licences for the keeping of non-native species of crayfish.** The Prohibition of Keeping of Live Fish (Crayfish) Order 1996, as amended, makes the unlicensed keeping of signal crayfish in certain areas, and of all other non-native species of crayfish throughout England and Wales, an offence. If you need further information on these requirements please telephone CEFAS on 01305 206673/4 during normal office hours.