



Emergency Plan for Exotic Species Permit

(for exotic fish, shellfish and aquatic plants other than water spinach)

For assistance completing this form, please call 512-389-4742 or email IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov

All facilities holding controlled exotic species are required to submit an emergency plan to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for review and approval. This plan must identify measures sufficient to prevent escape, release, or discharge of controlled exotic species into public water during a natural disaster such as a hurricane or flood. Approved emergency plans shall be posted and maintained on file at the facility. All staff must be trained and prepared to implement the facility's approved emergency plan during a natural disaster such as a hurricane or flood or any time the facility appears to be in imminent danger of overflow, flooding, or other circumstance that could result in the escape, release, or discharge of controlled exotic species into public water. Anytime the emergency plan is implemented, the Department's permit coordinator must be notified immediately by calling 512-389-4742.

Facility Address: _____
Street City Zip Code County

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Mobile phone: _____

- 1. Describe your facility (i.e., earthen ponds, tanks in buildings, etc.; number and size of ponds/tanks; description of levees). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- a. Does your facility discharge to public water? This includes occasional discharge such as into a ditch that drains into a creek during rains.

Yes No

If yes, describe the drainage system (e.g., ponds draining into canals draining into water body name), frequency of discharge (e.g., during heavy rains, during harvest, continual/daily), and provide the name of the public water body (may note unnamed for creeks if name unknown). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

2. Mark the actions you will take to prevent release or escapement of exotic species into public water during a natural disaster (such as a hurricane or flood) or at any time the facility appears to be in imminent danger of overflow, flooding, or other circumstance that could result in the escape, release, or discharge of controlled exotic species into public water .

Choose all that apply:

- Harvest all fish or shellfish
- Stop all incoming shipments and sell or lawfully transfer all controlled exotic species in inventory
- Reduce the water level in ponds to allow 3-4 feet of freeboard
- *Other

*If you marked other, describe your plan below (attach additional sheets if necessary):

3. Explain the specific conditions under which you would implement this emergency plan (i.e., weather conditions or predictions that would be used to determine when the facility may be in danger of flooding).

4. Approximately how long will it take to fully implement your emergency plan? _____

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 553.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.