

FISH TRANSPORT PERMIT
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Division of Commercial Fisheries

Explanations

These procedures implement Chapter 41 of Section 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, governing the transportation, possession, and release of live fish and their reproductive products.

Permit applications must be submitted to the office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Commercial Fisheries Aquaculture Section by the person, organization, government organization, educational facility, or private nonprofit hatchery requesting to transport, possess, export from or into the state, or release into the waters of the state any live fish or eggs.

Fish Transport Permit applications are completed and submitted using the online application MyFISH. You may request a MyFISH account from the operator you work for or are cooperating with. With a MyFISH account you can complete and submit an FTP application yourself. Or, you may request that the operator you would like to work with submit an FTP application on your behalf.

URL for accessing the online application MyFISH:
<https://mtalab.adfg.alaska.gov/FMPD/SignOn.aspx?ReturnURL=MyFISH.aspx>

Questions?
Call (907) 465-6152
or
E-mail dfg.fmpd.permitcoordinator@alaska.gov

A separate fish transport permit (FTP) form must be completed for each species, stock, and release location.

The applicant must complete each field in the FTP application in their entirety. Failure to complete any part may delay the FTP review. Attachments further explaining the project will not substitute for completion of the form. The following instructions are for completion of top section, transport plan, and comment field in the FTP application.

Top section. Ensure all fields in top section of the FTP application are complete. Some fields may be automatically filled in for you from your MyFISH profile. Others may be blanks that need to be filled in or selected from a drop-down menu.

- Agency is the organization who is responsible for adhering to the activities and stipulations are followed as described in the permit, if approved. Agency will be automatically filled in for you and cannot be changed.
- Contact Name is the name of the person who is applying for the permit, will be participating in the project, and will be able to supply a copy of the FTP that will accompany the fish or egg transport. This is automatically filled in from your MyFISH profile.
- Facility refers to the facility/location where the organisms will be hatched. If there are FTPs associated with the facility, select it from the drop-down menu to ensure consistency in naming.
- Donor Stock refers to the facility/location the organisms are from. For example, if salmon eggs are hatched from returns to the hatchery, the donor stock is the hatchery. If donor stock exists in the drop-down menu, select it from the drop-down menu to ensure consistency in naming.
- Ancestral Stock refers to the original wild stock the gametes were first collected from. If the ancestral stock exists in the drop down, select it from the drop-down menu to ensure consistency in naming.
- Destination refers to the final destination of the fish covered by the permit. For example, destination could be a release site, or, in the cases of transfers between hatcheries, this could be a hatchery. If the destination exists in the drop down, select it from the drop-down menu to ensure consistency in naming. Otherwise, type it in.
- Species of the species to be transported. Select from the drop-down menu.
- Beginning Life Stage of the fish. Select from the drop-down menu.
- Beginning Max. Number Allowed. Number of fish and/or eggs to be taken and/or transported. This amount must not exceed the maximal number permitted in the approved project document(s).
- Final Life Stage of the fish. Select from the drop-down menu.

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- Resultant progeny (check box) OR End Max. Number Allowed. For hatchery-origin fish, select resultant progeny. Or, enter a number in the blank after End Max. Number allowed if there are biological or management concerns (e.g., number of sockeye that can rear in a lake).
- Final Destination Type refers to the type of final destination of the fish covered by the permit. Select Facility, Freshwater release, Not Applicable, or Saltwater Release.
- Authorizing Permit Type may be the hatchery permit number, statewide stocking plan, or other enabling document. The drop down may be limited by characteristics of your MyFISH profile.
- Desired Effective Start and End Date. The length of time that an FTP is valid; i.e., number of years necessary to complete the project or length of time the project is approved. The application must include a beginning and ending date.

Fish Transport Plan. Complete one row for each step (egg take, rearing, release, or transport) in your desired plan.

- Sort order will allow you to enter steps in your desired plan out of order (for example, if you forget a step but then remember and enter it later, you can renumber the steps rather than re-entering all of the steps). If you save your application and then come back later, the sort order will appear in your application in numerically sequential order. The sort order will appear in your application in numerically sequential numerical order.
- Action is what will happen with the fish (i.e., fish transport plan step/row). Select egg take, rearing, release, or transport from the drop down.
- Location Origin and Destinations can be entered or selected from a drop down.
- Date range is the range or time the activity will occur (e.g., summer, June 15-Aug 15). Be as specific as is reasonable.
- Life stage of the fish for that step in the plan. Select from a drop down.
- Expected number of fish for that step in the plan.
- Comment any relevant details or explanation.

Comments. Fill in the following comment sections with sentences.

- Project Summary or statement of what is being permitted. Summarize in one to a few sentences the project you would like permitted.
- Purpose and Benefits. The projected benefits of this project and the purpose for undertaking it. This should be completed as stated in the approving permit or plan documentation.
- Evaluation Plans are the methods employed to evaluate the success or failure of this project. Indicate if a specific report is required under an enabling permit.
- Native Stocks Present their status, and effects of the proposed action on them. List the stocks naturally present at both stock origin and release sites. Include the anticipated effects of the capture, egg take, and/or release on these stocks.
- History of previous transports of this stock. All *known* transports of this stock, by either your organization or others.
- Disease History of stock to be transported. If available, a complete listing of disease incidence testing as conducted by the Pathology Section, ADF&G, or other certified fish pathologists.
- Description of proposed egg-take methods. Explain the procedures planned for the egg take.
- Isolation measures planned to control disease during transport, including description of container, water source, and method and plan for transport. Describe the techniques to be used for isolation and transport of eggs and/or fry, smolt, etc.
- Source of water for rearing and proposed effluent discharge location. Describe the water source for rearing, e.g. city water system, hatchery water source, a river system, or a local stream. Describe effluent discharge location, e.g. into a city sewer system, back into the water source, etc. Indicate if effluent will be treated or untreated.

At the bottom of the form are buttons to “Save application for Later Addition,” “Save and Print Application,” and “Save and Submit Application as Final.” Submitted applications receive an application number and approved applications receive an FTP ID.

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After submission, your application will be reviewed for completeness before it is sent for pathology, genetic, and fishery management (sport and commercial) review and comment.

The review process for this permit takes 45 days or less once a completed application is received by the department. The commissioner of ADF&G or authorized designee issues this permit. The FTP authorizes only that operation specified in the permit. The person or organization using the permit must comply with all conditions of the FTP and any other project-enabling permit or contract.

A copy of approved FTPs must accompany the fish or egg transport and be available if a Department of Fish and Game or Department of Public Safety employee wishes to examine it.

Link to a page with general information about FTPs, information about Aquatic Resource Permits (ARPs), and a link to MyFISH for submitting FTP applications:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hatcheries.transport>