

Fish Brokering in Utah

Definition: A fish broker is an individual or company that is in the business of buying, selling, exchanging or transferring live aquatic animals without being actively involved in the culture, rearing, or growth of the animals. This includes a person or company who rears aquatic animals, but also buys and sells additional aquatic animals without rearing them pursuant to R58-27-14D.

Brokers must follow the same requirements that other fish growers do with respect to importation, fish health approval of their facility and their source facilities and assuring that live sales are only made to those with valid CORs. To gain fish health approval, brokers must obtain health approval for all their source facilities. (R58-17-14D)

A broker can broker fish if he receives them from the source waters of an approved or licensed source and distributes them to a client (COR holder if resident of Utah) without placing the fish in intermediate tanks or ponds owned or managed by the broker or others. If the broker uses intermediate tanks or ponds owned or managed by the broker or others, then this is no longer a brokering situation, but an aquaculture facility.

Brokering COR: Cost \$150 / year

Inspections: none, as long as fish are not placed in intermediate ponds

Annual report required: submitted to UDAF before December 31 each year.

Required: name, addresses, phone numbers, COR numbers and fish health approval numbers and expiration dates of sources; number & weight for each species brokered; names, addresses, phone numbers, COR numbers of destinations, dates of transactions.

Receipts required; any sale, shipment or transfer of live fish by a broker must be accompanied by a receipt with documentation of the source and destination. A receipt book is provided by UDAF for this purpose upon request. Copies of all receipts will be submitted to UDAF with the annual report of sales.

Aquaculture facility COR: \$150 / year

Inspections: required on all lots

-**Trout or salmonids:** initial inspection after trout are in the water for 6 months; final inspection is 4 months after the initial inspection. One inspection is conducted thereafter annually.

-**Other game fish:** one inspection / year on all species

-**Inspection costs** are at grower's expense.

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