

## Instructions for Importing and Delivering Fish to Utah Private Pond Owners

Introduction: Passage of House Bill 148 in 2008 has allowed private pond owners to possess game fish without a certificate of registration (COR) under certain conditions. These conditions are listed in R657-59-16 for both sterile and fertile trout. The following guide is applicable to private pond owners in dealing with the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food (UDAF).

### I. Private pond owner

1. Determine the species and reproductive capability of the fish you wish to have stocked in your pond;
2. Select a UDAF approved fish grower for Utah (<http://ag.utah.gov/animind/fishhlth.html>):
  - a. Sterile trout: contact the approved grower or importer (go to part II);
  - b. Fertile trout: see conditions in R657-59-16 (obtainable from Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) website <http://wildlife.utah.gov>);
  - c. Other species: contact UDWR (regional phone numbers in brochure attainable from <http://wildlife.utah.gov>) for a COR;
3. Once you have completed the above, contact the approved fish grower or importer and arrange the transaction;
4. If you wish to have fish delivered by a broker or any other party not listed as a UDAF approved fish grower for Utah (including FedEx, etc.), contact UDWR (801 538-4701) for a COR (R657-59-5). Once you receive the COR, contact the broker and arrange the transaction.
5. Prior to the import or delivery date, assure compliance with R657-59-3 (1) that:
  - a. the pond is not a natural lake, stream, or reservoir on a natural stream channel and is properly screened (R657-59-15);
  - b. the product will be delivered by a licensed and approved aquaculture facility with UDAF (<http://ag.utah.gov/animind/fishhlth.html>);
  - c. the species, strain and reproductive capability of the aquatic animal to be delivered is authorized by the Wildlife Board (R657-59-16);
6. During delivery, receive a brochure from the importer and sign the receipt under *Buyer Private Pond Statement*;
7. Keep a copy of the receipt from the importer for your records.

### II. Approved Utah Grower or Importer

1. For sterile trout: sterilize the trout and have them certified annually as sterile. Send the certification report to the UDAF at 350 N. Redwood, SLC, UT 84114;
2. Obtain an entry permit and *Livestock & Fish Movement Report* form from UDAF (801 538-7029);
3. Prior to the import or delivery date, assure that the species, strain, reproductive capability are approved by UDWR for the private pond (R657-59-16);
4. Keep the entry permit with the transport vehicle during the import;
5. On the delivery date and before release, assure that proper screens are in place, provide the pond owner with the UDWR brochure (attainable from <http://wildlife.utah.gov>), complete the *Receipt for Sale/Transfer of Live Aquaculture Products to Another Facility within Utah*, and sign it under *Seller Private Pond Statement*;
6. Have the pond owner sign the receipt under *Buyer Private Pond Statement*;
7. Stock the fish;
8. Give copies of the completed receipt to the pond owner, keep a copy for your records, and send copies to UDWR and UDAF (addresses on receipt), due annually by 31 December;
9. Directly after the delivery, send UDAF the completed *Livestock and Fish Movement Report*.