

Oklahoma AIS Regulations

Okla. Admin. Code Tit. 800, Ch. 20, Subch. 1 (Restricted Exotic Fish)

§ 800:20-1-1. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to describe rules pertaining to possession and/or importation of restricted exotic fish and/or their eggs in Oklahoma pursuant to 29 O.S., Sections 7-602 and 8-104. Penalties for violations of rules are also provided.

§ 800:20-1-2. List of restricted exotic species

- (a) Until such time as is necessary for the Department of Wildlife Conservation to obtain adequate information for the determination of other harmful or potentially harmful exotic species, the importation into the State and/or the possession of the following exotic fish or their eggs is prohibited:
- (1) Walking Catfish: The Walking Catfish, (*Clarius batrachus*) and other members of the exotic catfish family Claridae, including but not limited to species of the genera *Clarias*, *Heteropneustes*, *Gymnallables*, *Channallabes*, and *Heterobranchus* are prohibited. Any live specimens of Walking Catfish or other Claridae species within the boundaries of the State of Oklahoma are contraband and subject to seizure by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
 - (2) Grass carp: Release of grass carp (diploid and/or triploid), also known as white amur or Chinese carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) or their hybrids into public waters is prohibited in accordance with 29 O.S., Section 6-504. Only certified triploid grass carp may be imported, possessed, or introduced for the purpose of stocking private waters. Possession and transportation of diploid grass carp is permitted for the control of vegetation on licensed aquaculture facilities, the export to states allowing use of diploid grass carp and for production for sale to the human food market.
 - (3) Boney-tongue group: *Osteoglossum* spp., and *Arapaima* spp.
 - (4) Piranha group: *Serrasalmus* spp., *Pygocentrus* spp., *Rooseveltiella* spp., *Catoprion* spp., *Hydrocynus* spp., and *Salminus* spp.
 - (5) Electric Eel (*Electrophorus electricus*).
 - (6) Electric catfish (*Malapterus electricus*).
 - (7) Gar-pike topminnow (*Belonesox belizanus*).
 - (8) Snakehead groups: *Opicephalus* spp., and *Channa* spp.
 - (9) Pavon or Peacock Bass (*Chichla temensis* and *Chichia ocellaris*).

- (10) Parasitic South American Catfish group (Candiru), genera & species of the Trichomycteridae family. *Vandellia* spp., *Tridens* spp., and *Pygidium* spp.
- (11) Freshwater Stingray group: *Paratrygon* spp., *Potomotrygon* spp., and *Disceus* spp.
- (12) Hourii (from South America): *Macrodon* spp., and *Hoplias* spp.
- (13) Rudd and rudd hybrids (*Scardinius* spp.).
- (14) Bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*). This shall not interfere with the possession of dead bighead carp when reporting the fish to ODWC personnel.
- (15) Silver carp (*Aristichthys nobilis*). This shall not interfere with the possession of dead silver carp when reporting the fish to ODWC personnel.
- (16) Black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*).
- (17) Alewives (*Alosa pseudoharengus*).
- (18) Rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*).
- (19) Blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*).

(b) Tilapia:

- (1) The sale and use of all Tilapia species as bait is prohibited.
- (2) The stocking of all Tilapia species in any heated-water reservoir including Sooner, Konawa and Boomer Reservoirs is prohibited.
- (3) This shall not interfere with the sale of dead and/or processed Tilapia for human food or the sale or transport of Tilapia species for the purpose of aquatic vegetation control in privately owned ponds.

(c) Crayfish:

- (1) Australian Red Claw (*Cherax quadricarinatus*)
- (2) Rusty (*Orconectes rusticus*)

§ 800:20-1-3. Penalties

Any person violating these Chapter provisions shall be subject to the penalties provided in 29 O.S., Section 7-602 and 8-104.

Okla. Admin. Code Tit. 800, Ch. 20, Subch. 2 (Introductions of Fish and Aquatic Organisms)

§ 800:20-2-1. Purpose

All “waters of this state” as defined in Title 29:2-147 are hereby designated as controlled by the Wildlife Conservation Commission.

§ 800:20-2-2. Procedures and Guidelines [TERMINATED]

§ 800:20-2-3. Introductions of fish and aquatic organisms

No person shall release, deposit, place or permit to be released, fish, crayfish, mussels, other aquatic organisms, or non-native plant species in any of the public streams, public lakes or public ponds whose stocking is controlled by and so designated by the Wildlife Conservation Commission without the consent of the Wildlife Conservation Director.

Okla. Admin. Code Tit. 800, Ch. 20, Subch. 3 (Noxious Aquatic Plants)

§ 800:20-3-1. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to describe rules pertaining to noxious aquatic plants and/or their seeds, stems or parts in Oklahoma pursuant to 29 O.S., Section 6-601.

§ 800:20-3-2. List of declared noxious aquatic plant species

- (a) Pursuant to 29 O. S., Section 6-601, the following plants, seeds or plant parts are hereby declared to be noxious:
- (1) Azolla pinnata - Mosquito Fern (aka - Water Velvet, Water Fern)
 - (2) Caulerpa taxifolia - Caulerpa (aka - Mediterranean Clone of Caulerpa)
 - (3) Eichhornia azure - Anchored Water Hyacinth (aka - Rooted Water Hyacinth, Blue Water Hyacinth, Saw-petal Water Hyacinth)
 - (4) Hydrilla verticillata - Hydrilla (aka - Florida Elodea, Star Vine, Oxygen Plant, Oxygen Weed)
 - (5) Hygrophila polysperma - Hygro (aka - Miramar Weed, Green Hygro, Oriental Ludwigia, East Indian Hygrophila)
 - (6) Ipomoea aquatica - Water Spinach (aka - Swamp Morning Glory, Chinese Water Spinach, Water Bindweed, Aquatic Morning Glory)
 - (7) Lagarosiphon major - African Elodea (aka - Oxygen Weed)
 - (8) Limnophila species - Ambulia (aka - Asian Marshweed, Limno, Red Ambulia, Indian Ambulia)
 - (9) Lythrum salicaria - Purple Loosestrife (aka - Loosestrife)
 - (10) Marsilea quadrifolia - Marsilea (aka - European Waterclover, Four-leaf Clover Fern, Water Fern, Water Clover, Hairy Pepperwort)
 - (11) Marsilea mutica - Australian Waterclover (aka - Varigated Water-clover, Nardoo)
 - (12) Marsilea minuta - Waterclover

- (13) *Melaleuca quinquenervia* - Paperbark Tree (aka - *Melaleuca*, Cajeput, Punk)
- (14) *Monochoria hastata* - Cat's Claw (aka - *Monochoria*)
- (15) *Ottellia alismoides* - Duck Lettuce
- (16) *Sagittaria sagittifolia* - Japanese Arrowhead (aka - Hawaiian Arrowhead, Common Arrowhead, Chinese Arrowhead)
- (17) *Salvinia* spp. - all giant and common *salvinia* species - (aka - *Salvinia*, Butterfly Fern, Water Fern, Water Moss, Water Velvet, Karibaweed, Koi Kandy, Water Spangles, Floating Fern, South American Pond Fern)
- (18) *Alternanthera* spp. - Alligatorweed and congeneric species (aka - Alligator-weed, Chaff Flower, lilacina, roseafolia)
- (19) *Solanum tampicense* - Wetland Nightshade
- (20) *Sparganium erectum* - Exotic Bur-reed
- (21) *Glossostigma diandrum* - Mud Mat

(b) Aquatic plants assigned to the “Species to Watch” list by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be displayed in the annual Oklahoma Fishing Guide.

§ 800:20-3-3. Penalties

Any person violating these Chapter provisions shall be subject to the penalties provided in 29 O.S., Section 6-601.

Okla. Admin. Code Tit. 800, Ch. 20, Subch. 4 (Aquatic Nuisance Species Restrictions)

§ 800:20-4-1. Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to describe the rules pertaining to the movement of aquatic nuisance species.

§ 800:20-4-2. Movement of aquatic plants

No person may transport aquatic plants between waters of this state. Persons must remove all aquatic plants from boat, trailer, or any other gear capable of holding aquatic plants prior to placing boat, trailer or gear into waters of the state.

§ 800:20-4-3. List of restricted aquatic nuisance species

(a) In addition to species listed under 800:20-1-2 and 800:20-3-2 and until such time as is necessary for the Department of Wildlife Conservation to obtain adequate information for the determination of other harmful or potentially harmful aquatic nuisance species, the importation into the State and/or the possession of the following aquatic nuisance species is prohibited:

- (1) Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)
- (2) Quagga mussel (*Dreissena bugensis*)

(b) Boats, trailers, and boat parts must be cleaned free of live zebra and/or quagga mussels before launching in any public waters.

§ 800:20-4-4. Penalties

Any person violating these Chapter provisions shall be subject to the penalties provided in 29 O.S., Section 7-602 and 8-104.