

R12-4-424. White Amur Stocking and Holding License

A. For the purposes of this Section:

1. "Closed aquatic system" means any body of water, water system, canal system, or series of lakes, canals, or ponds where triploid white amur are prevented from ingress or egress by any natural or man-made barrier, as determined by the Department.
2. "Triploid" means a species that has 3N chromosomes.

B. A white amur stocking and holding license allows an individual to import, transport, stock, and possess triploid white amur (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*).

C. An applicant for a white amur stocking and holding license shall use a form available from any Department office. The applicant shall provide the following information on the form:

1. Name, address, telephone number, birthdate, physical description, and Department ID number (if applicable) of the applicant;
2. Whether the applicant will use the white amur for personal use or a commercial purpose. If the applicant is applying for the license for a commercial purpose, the applicant shall also provide the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant's business;
3. The purpose of stocking the wildlife:
 - a. To control aquatic weeds that interfere with recreational, domestic, municipal, agricultural, or industrial use of water;
 - b. To control aquatic weeds that impair water quality; or
 - c. For sale from licensed fish farms.
4. A detailed description or diagram of the aquatic system where the applicant will hold the white amur, as required by A.R.S. § 17-317, and a description of how the system meets the definition of a "closed aquatic system" in subsection (A);
5. The name, address, and telephone number of the location where the white amur will be stocked, if applicable. Otherwise, the applicant shall provide the physical location of the stocking site, including township, range, and section. If the applicant applies to stock white amur in more than one location, the applicant shall submit a separate application for each location. The following qualify as separate locations:
 - a. Each closed aquatic system;
 - b. Each separately managed portion of a closed aquatic system; and
 - c. Multiple separate closed aquatic systems owned, controlled, or legally held by the same applicant where stocking is to occur;
6. If the applicant will hold white amur at a business, the name, address, and telephone number of the business, and the title of the position held by the applicant;
7. A detailed description of how the applicant will meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 17-317;
8. The name, address, and telephone number of all white amur suppliers from whom the special license applicant will obtain white amur;
9. The number and size of white amur to be stocked;
10. The date white amur will be stocked, or dates if stocking will take more than one day; and

11. The applicant's signature and the date of signing. By signing the application, the applicant attests that the information provided is true and correct to the applicant's knowledge and that the applicant's live wildlife privileges are not revoked in this state, any other state, or by the United States.
- D. The Department shall issue a white amur stocking and holding license as prescribed by R12-4-106. If the Department denies the application for a special license, the Department shall proceed as prescribed by R12-4-409(D). The Department has the authority to place additional stipulations on a white amur stocking license for additional reasons than those stated in R12-4-409(F) if the Department determines it is necessary to do so during the substantive review time-frame. If the Department determines during the substantive review time-frame that stocking white amur will take place in a watershed that contains wildlife listed in "Wildlife of Special Concern" as defined in R12-4-401, the Department has the authority to request that the applicant submit a typewritten, computer or word processor printed, or legibly handwritten proposal that addresses the biological consequences of introducing white amur. The proposal shall include:
 1. The purpose of introducing white amur;
 2. Expected benefits of the introduction;
 3. Possible negative impacts of the introduction;
 4. An evaluation of the ecology and potential displacement of wildlife species listed in "Wildlife of Special Concern" identified by the Department;
 5. An evaluation of disease potential; and
 6. A method for evaluating the status of wildlife listed in "Wildlife of Special Concern" and the impact introducing white amur has had on that wildlife after white amur is introduced.
 - E. If the Department denies the application for a special license, the Department shall proceed as prescribed by R12-4-409(D). The Department shall deny a white amur stocking license if the Department determines that issuing the license may result in a negative impact on state wildlife.
 - F. A white amur stocking and holding license holder shall ensure that all shipments of white amur are accompanied by certification issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that verifies the white amur are triploid. The license holder shall provide a copy of the certificate to the Department before any stocking or restocking.
 - G. A white amur stocking and holding license holder shall report all restocking of white amur to the Department on forms provided by the Department before restocking. The license holder shall provide the following information on the form:
 1. Name, address, telephone number, birthdate, physical description, and Department ID number of the license holder as it appears on the current license;
 2. If the applicant will use the white amur for a commercial purpose, the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant's business;
 3. The purpose for restocking the white amur:
 - a. Control of aquatic weeds that interfere with recreational, domestic, municipal, agricultural or industrial use of water;
 - b. Control of aquatic weeds that impair water quality; or
 - c. For sale from licensed fish farms.

4. A detailed description or diagram of the aquatic system where the applicant will hold the white amur, and a description of how the facilities meet the definition of a "closed aquatic system";
 5. If the applicant will hold white amur at a business, the name, address, and telephone number of the business, and the title of the position held by the applicant;
 6. The name, address, and telephone number of all white amur suppliers from whom the special license applicant will obtain white amur;
 7. The number and size of white amur to be stocked;
 8. The date white amur will be stocked, or dates if stocking will take more than one day; and
 9. The applicant's signature and the date of signing. By signing the application, the applicant attests that the information provided is true and correct to their knowledge and that the applicant's have not had their live wildlife privileges revoked in this state or any other state since the current license was issued.
- H. The Department shall not grant authorization for restocking white amur for more than 20 days. Authorization is valid only during the dates stipulated on the license.
- I. A white amur stocking license holder who applies to renew the license shall pay fees as prescribed by R12-4-102.
- J. A white amur stocking and holding license holder is subject to R12-4-409.