



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
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UNRESTRICTED SPECIES LIST FISH PROPOSAL FORM

The Unrestricted Fish Species list allows for the possession and importation of certain species of tropical fish and goldfish without a permit, for aquarium purposes only (Title 12, §12509).

Any person or group seeking to propose a fish species be considered for the Unrestricted List must provide adequate information to support their approval. Prepare to spend time researching the species. The form will walk you through a step-by-step process for considering how the organism may impact native species in Maine. Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife staff, in consultation with outside experts where appropriate, will review each submission and approve or deny their inclusion on the Unrestricted Species list.

Currently accepted Latin name for the proposed species from [Eschmeyer's Catalog of Fishes](#):

List any relevant and associated common names (*many organisms have more than one common name*):

Is this species native range confined to areas within the tropics? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Tropic of Cancer 23.5° N and Tropic of Capricorn 23.5° S)

Can this species complete its full life cycle (grow and reproduce) within only freshwater? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no is checked on either question above, stop here. If the proposed species' native range extends beyond the tropics it cannot be considered for inclusion on the unrestricted species list pursuant to §12509 subsection 4. If the proposed species requires saltwater at any point in its life cycle, it falls outside of Inland Fisheries regulatory authority.

Check Yes if any of the below are true: ☐ Yes ☐ No

- By the USFWS as an injurious species within 50 CFR 16 Injurious Wildlife (search within this [page](#))
- Or listed in CITES Appendix I ([link](#))
- Or listed as Threatened or Endangered by the USFWS ([link](#))
- Or listed by the IUCN as "Vulnerable", "Endangered", "Critically Endangered", "Extinct in the Wild", or "Data Deficient". ([link](#))

Explain:

Is this species primarily supplied through captive breeding? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Look online to see if the genus and/or species is commonly sold or traded. Check if there are breeders or sellers advertising it (like in pet stores or online marketplaces). If there isn't much info about breeding or raising it in captivity, but you find people collecting or selling wild-caught individuals, that could mean owning it encourages exploitation of wild populations.

Explain:



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Does the species have unique requirements for housing or care that cannot be easily provided, causing concern for the welfare of the animal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Check if guides can be found online for caring for the organism outside of professionally designed and operated facilities, and/or by persons without training or experience.

Explain:

Additional comments for the reviewer(s):

List any pertinent references used that may help the reviewer(s):

Information submitted by: _____
First Name Last Name MI

Email Address: _____ **Phone Number:** (____)____-_____

Date Submitted: ____/____/____
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