

Virginia Fish Stocking Authorization

(to stock fish in Virginia inland waters pursuant to 4VAC 15-320-60)

Virginia regulation (4VAC 15-320-60) requires authorization from the Department to stock any species of fish into inland waters of the state. This regulation, however, does not restrict stocking of native fish species into privately owned ponds. The purpose of this authorization requirement is to protect native populations of fish, to control spread of fish diseases, and to avoid establishment of exotic fish populations in streams where such species would be undesirable.

Enclosed is a authorization application. You are required to give the name of the supplier from whom you will be purchasing fish. When describing the section of stream to be stocked, please provide reliable landmarks (such as state highway crossings) that can be easily identified by Department staff. You are also required to provide a location map. For best results, use a copy of a USGS topographic map or a county Highway Department map. **DO NOT** write on the lines **AUTHORIZATION NO. AND EXPIRATION.**

When issued, this authorization will be good only for the stockings indicated on the application. In addition, an expiration date will be given, after which time, another authorization will be required. Any changes in the conditions listed on the authorization will require review by the biologist. The approved authorization must be available for inspection at the time of stocking.

The authorization will generally be processed within 15 days of receipt. Please forward the enclosed application or any inquiries to the appropriate Regional Fisheries Managers Office.

Authorization No. _____

Expiration Date: _____

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Name/Address of Applicant:

Name/Address of Fish Supplier:

Applicants Phone Number: _____

Signature of Landowner: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name/Location of water body to be stocked:

Name: _____ Tributary to: _____

Drainage: _____ County: _____

Describe section of stream to be stocked (attach a map): _____

Species to be stocked: _____

Number of fish to be stocked: _____

Length of fish to be stocked: _____

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Approved

Approved with modifications (see below)

Disapproved

Explanation: _____

Issued by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

All State fishing regulations apply to waters stocked with this Fish Stocking Authorization.

August 3, 2004