You need to register if

- You hatch fish eggs or hold live fish for any of the following purposes:
  - Sale or distribution
  - Stocking into state waters
  - Fishing
  - Bait or fertilizer
  - Use as food for humans or animals
  - Education, demonstration or research

- You hold live fish or fish eggs owned by someone else.

You do not need to register if

- Fish/eggs are ornamentals and are not mixed with non-ornamentals or reared for bait, or food for humans or animals.
- You hold live bait fish under a DNR bait dealer license and only sell the fish at retail.
- Fish/eggs are in a fully enclosed building, solely for education, display, or research in that building, not commingled with fish/fish eggs for other purposes, no untreated water used to hold fish or eggs is discharged to state waters, and all dead fish/offal from the building are disposed of by rendering, composting, municipal solid waste disposal or means approved by the department.
- You exhibit live fish publicly for 15 days or less in a calendar year, or longer with our authorization.
- You hold live fish or eggs for 30 days or less at a food processing plant, retail food store or restaurant pending slaughter or sale to consumers, provided that they are not commingled with fish/fish eggs used for other purposes, no untreated water used to hold fish or eggs is discharged to state waters, and all dead fish/offal are disposed of by rendering, composting, municipal solid waste disposal or means approved by the department.
- You are only transporting live fish or fish eggs to or from a fish farm.
- You hold fish at a temporary fishing event, if certain requirements are met.
- You hold live fish solely for the purpose of sale as pets, if certain criteria are met.
- You temporarily hold live fish in a Wisconsin DNR fish egg collection station located in waters of the state, solely for the purpose of collecting eggs, if certain requirements are met.

If you have a private fish pond

- By registering your private pond, you are entitled to stock your pond without a DNR permit.
- If you register, you do have to meet all of our requirements for fish farms.
- A WI DNR aquatic pesticide or herbicide use permit may still be required.
- Registration is not intended for ponds that do not contain fish.
- Whether you register or not, you still must meet DNR requirements if your pond has an inlet or outlet connecting it to public or natural waters.

Fish farm types

- Type 1 registration allows:
  - Fishing, including public fee fishing
  - Collecting eggs from your own brood stock
  - Obtaining live fish or fish eggs from a source other than your own farm (except from a wild source)
  - Selling or distributing live fish/fish eggs to a food processing plant, retail store, or restaurant that meets certain requirements.
  - Raising bait for personal use at your fish farm
  - Moving live fish between Type 1 fish farms that you operate in Wisconsin
  - Selling live fish/fish eggs off-site to consumers for food provided certain requirements are met.
Fish farm types

Type 2 registration allows:
- All the activities allowed under Type 1
- Raising bait for sale or trade
- Raising, buying, trading, or importing live fish/fish eggs for resale, stocking, processing, or exchange
- Distributing fish/fish eggs (not produced on your fish farm) from inside this state to outside this state

Type 3 registration allows:
- All the activities allowed under Types 1 and 2
- Obtaining, selling or distributing live fish or fish eggs from a wild source of species susceptible to Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia.

If you have fish farms at more than one location

A “location” is a single parcel of land, or two or more contiguous parcels of land. “Contiguous” means “touching,” but a road, river, railroad, or section line does not break the contiguity.

Each location must be a separate registration, on a separate form.
You do not have to register all your locations as the same type of fish farm.
Call us before moving fish or eggs between locations to see if you need a fish health certificate.

If you have more than one fish farm at the same location

You can register more than one fish farm on the same parcel or on contiguous parcels if we certify the farms as medically separated. Call 608-224-4887 to request certification.
There is a $400 (per day) fee for inspection.
Each farm may be considered separate for purposes of disease control and movement; this means that you might need a fish health certificate to move fish or eggs between the farms. Contact us before moving fish or eggs.

Annual fees

Type 1 registration:
- $37.50 for one registration
- $50 for two or more registrations

Type 2 and Type 3 registration:
- $125 for 1-5 registrations
- $150 for 6-10 registrations
- $200 for 11-20 registrations
- $300 for more than 20 registrations

Primary and secondary schools and veterans eligible for the veteran’s fee waiver program under s. 45.44, Wis. Stats., are exempt from fees.

Completing the application for registration

Be sure to complete all areas of the form, on both sides of each page. If you don’t, it will delay your registration.
You also need to register as a livestock premises if there are fish/fish eggs in the pond or you intend to stock the pond this registration year. Call 1-888-808-1910 or go to www.wiid.org to register your premises. Without this livestock premises code on your fish farm registration, processing will be delayed.
A check or money order for the appropriate fee must accompany your application. We will not issue your registration certificate without payment.

Send the application and payment to: WDATCP
PO Box Lockbox 93598
Milwaukee, WI 53293-0598

Send Social Security number form to: WDATCP/DAH
Attn: Program and Policy Supervisor
PO Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911

Call 608-224-4887 if you have questions about completing the application.
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<th><strong>Ownership changes</strong></th>
<th>✓ Registration is not transferable. The new owner must apply to register the farm, even if the registration was up-to-date under the previous owner.</th>
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<td><strong>Keeping records</strong></td>
<td>✓ You need to keep the following records of all fish/fish egg shipments to or from your farm for five years:</td>
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<td>- Name, address, fish farm registration number (if any), and premises identification number (if any) of the person who shipped the fish/eggs, or to whom you delivered fish/eggs</td>
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<td>✓ You do not need to keep records on the sale of live fish/eggs sold directly to a consumer for food or bait.</td>
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<td>✓ Health certificates are required to import live fish or fish eggs into Wisconsin from another state, or to move certain fish or fish eggs within Wisconsin.</td>
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<td>- An individual shipment of fish/fish eggs, which expires 30 days after it is issued.</td>
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<td>✓ Importing non-native species of non-ornamental fish, such as tilapia, requires DNR approval.</td>
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<td><strong>Using pesticides</strong></td>
<td>✓ You need to be certified by the Agricultural Resource Management Division of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to apply restricted-use pesticides to destroy aquatic plants, microorganisms, or other pests. This is in addition to your fish farm registration. Call 608-224-4500 for information about pesticide applicator certification.</td>
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<td>✓ There may be other federal, state or local regulations for use of pesticides.</td>
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<td><strong>Processing and selling fish for food</strong></td>
<td>✓ To process or sell fish for human food, you will need to work with a food safety inspector and obtain appropriate licenses from the Food Safety Division of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Call 608-224-4700.</td>
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For more information

- Rules and statutes
  - Animal Health statute: [http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/Stat0095.pdf](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/Stat0095.pdf) (see 95.60)
  - Animal diseases and movement rule: [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/010/10](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/010/10) (see subchapter VIII)

- DATCP aquaculture veterinarian
  **Dr. Myron Kebus**, 608-224-4876, myron.kebus@wisconsin.gov

- DATCP aquaculture license/permit program associate
  608-224-4887, DATCPfishfarms@wisconsin.gov

- University of Wisconsin aquaculture specialists
  - Northern Region: **Ron Johnson**, 814-515-2570, ron.johnson@ces.uwex.edu
  - Southern Region: **Jim Held**, 920-648-2902, jaheld@wisc.edu

- DATCP food safety information
  608-224-4700, DATCPfood@wisconsin.gov

- DATCP pesticide information
  608-224-4500, DATCPagriculture@wisconsin.gov