

Texas Aquaculture Permits and Contacts

1. **Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).** Austin, Texas. Fish farming license. \$120 every two years. Contact: Thomas (Rick) Garza. TDA Coordinator for the Commodity Programs. Tel. (512) 936-2430. Email: Rick.garza@TexasAgriculture.gov.

2. **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).** Exotic Species Permit (*vannamei* and tilapia). Have to report production to TPWD at the end of the year.

The contact persons for exotic species permit are:

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3. **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).** Wastewater Permits Section. 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. F, Austin, Texas 78753. Mailing MC-148, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Their aquaculture rules and regulations expire in April 2016 and will be passing new ones.

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