

Interstate Transport of Live Aquatic Animals

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Interstate transport of live aquatic animals represents a *“Patchwork of State Fish Health Regulations”*

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Things to consider ...

- ❖ States have regulations that pertain to testing for specific pathogens – been in place for some time now.
- ❖ States developing regulations regarding the prohibition of certain species being transported through or stocked into the waters. This is under development now!

Interstate Transport Regulations Live Aquatic Animals

USDA APHIS Federal Regulations

- ✓ Proposed Aquatic Animal Health Rule
- ✓ Impacts all states, all species ...

State Regulations

- ✓ Each State has the authority to create Aquatic Animal Health Regulations in addition to Federal Regulations

Interstate Transport

1. What is needed to haul live aquatic animals across state lines or through many states?
2. How do you find out what is required for transporting the animals?
3. Can you just haul the animals without going through this process? **NO!**

US Map – Plan your route for Transport



First Steps in Interstate Transport

1. Chart a course for transporting the live aquatic animals from the beginning point to the end point. How many states will you cross or go through?

Next Steps ... State Regulations

2. Does YOUR state require any transport documents?
3. What do the states require for interstate transport of live aquatic animals through or into that state?

Charting a Transport Course: Step by Step

- Contact the State Dept. of Agriculture
- Contact the State Wildlife Agency – are any aquatic animals prohibited?
- If needed, contact the State Veterinarian – health requirements or certification?
- Get ALL of the paperwork completed!!!

Each State – what's needed?

- What are the requirements for EACH state?
- Any health certification requirements?
- Any prohibitions for species?
- Bill of Sale?
- **Know the state laws**

Ready for Transport?

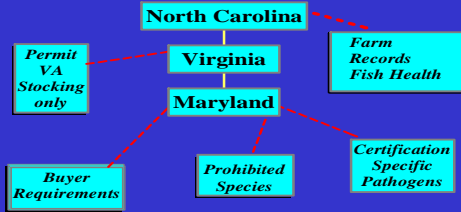
- Are you the Hauler?
- Are you contracting the hauling?
- Is all of the paperwork onboard the transport vehicle?
- Is the schedule arranged with the receiving farm?

Interstate Transport - Final Check

- Secured the sale with the buyer?
- Met any health requirements for buyer?
- Identified all state contacts for transport?
- Aquatic Species – any prohibited?
- All health testing has been done?
- Have all documentation for Transport?
- Bill of Sale?
- Driver's Log book?

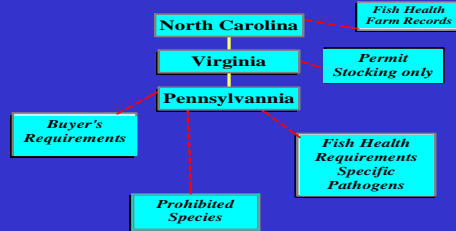
Transport from NC to MD

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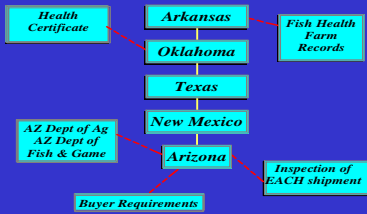
Transport from NC to PA

Rainbow Trout



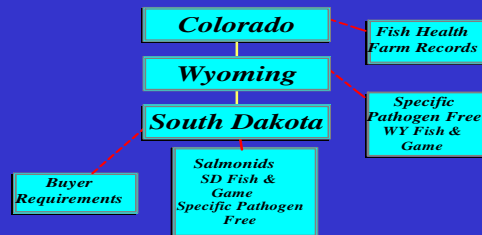
Transport from AR to AZ

Grass Carp - Triploid only



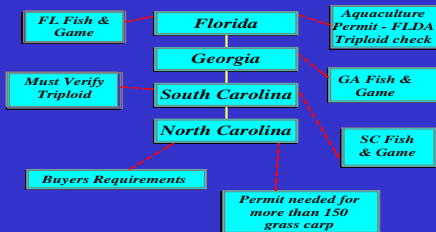
Transport from CO to SD

Rainbow Trout



Transport from FL to NC

Grass Carp - Triploid



Points to Remember!

- ✓ Regulations vary in each state
- ✓ Make Sure all of the proper documents accompany the shipment of live aquatic animals
- ✓ Double Check ...
- Some State Resource Personnel may not know the state laws or requirements ...
- **DOUBLE CHECK**
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- *Ready to Ship?*

Interstate Transport of Live Aquatic Animals Final Points

- Violations of Federal or State regulations result in fines ... do your homework before you ship the fish ...
- You will need **TIME** to get all of the information from **EACH** state ... allow enough time between negotiations of sale & delivery of animals ...