R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-59. Private Fish Ponds, Short-Term Fishing Events, Private Fish Stocking, and Institutional Aquaculture.

R657-59-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under the authority of Sections 23-15-9 and 23-15-10, this rule provides the standards and procedures for: (a) private fish ponds;

(b) short-term fishing events;

(c) aquaponics facilities;

(d) private fish stocking; and

(e) institutional aquaculture.

(2)(a) This rule does not regulate fee fishing or private aquaculture as provided in Title 4, Chapter 37 Aquaculture Aet, and Department of Agriculture Rule R58-17.

(b) The display of aquatic wildlife in aquaria for personal, commercial, or educational purposes is regulated by Rules R657-3a and R657-3c.

(3) A person engaging in any activity provided in Subsection (1) must also comply with all requirements established by Title 4 Utah Agricultural Code and all rules promulgated by the Utah Department of Agriculture, including:

(a) requirements for the importation of aquaculture products into Utah; and

(b) requirements for fish health approval for aquaculture products.

(4) Any violation of, or failure to comply with, Title 23 Wildlife Resources Code of Utah, this rule, or any specificrequirement contained in a certificate of registration issued pursuant to this rule may be grounds for suspension of the certificateor denial of future certificates, as determined by the division.

R657-59-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Aquaculture" means the husbandry, production, harvest, and use of aquatic organisms under controlled, artificial conditions.

(b) "Aquaculture facility" means any facility used for the husbandry, production, harvest, and use of aquatic-

organisms under controlled, artificial conditions that holds a valid Certificate of Registration from the Utah Department of Agriculture.

(c)(i) "Aquaculture product" means privately purchased, domestically produced aquatic organisms, or their gametes. (ii) "Aquaculture product" does not include aquatic wildlife obtained from the wild.

(d) "Aquaponics facility" means a facility that combines fish and plant culture for a noncommercial purpose where:

(i) all water flowing into or through the facility is completely isolated from any other water source via a self-contained water transport system:

(ii) all water flowing from the facility is discarded into a permitted sewer or septic system;

(iii) the aquatic animals held within the facility are used for hobby purposes only;

(iv) no aquatic animals are transported from the facility alive; and

(v) the primary use of the facility is for food production and not for the general display of fish in aquaria.

(e) "Aquatic wildlife" for the purposes of this chapter are aquatic organisms that are conceived and born in publicwaters.

(f) "Certified sterile salmonid" means any salmonid fish or gamete that originates from a health certified source and is incapable of reproduction due to triploidy or hybridization, and is confirmed as sterile using the protocol described in Section-R657-59-13.

(g) "FEMA" means Federal Emergency Management Administration.

(h)(i) "HUC" or "Hyrologic Unit Code" means a cataloging system developed by the US Geological Survey and the Natural Resource Conservation Service to identify watersheds in the United States.

(ii) HUCs are typically reported at the large river basin (6-digit HUC) or smaller watershed (11-digit and 14-digit HUC) scale.

(iii) HUC maps and other associated information are available at http://water.usgs.gov/wsc/sub/1602.html.

(i) "Institutional aquaculture" means aquaculture engaged in by any institution of higher learning, school, or othereducational program, or public agency.

(j)(i) "Ornamental aquatic animal species" means any species of fish, mollusk, or crustacean that is cultured for display and sold in the United States' aquarium industry for display.

(ii) "Ornamental aquatic animal species" does not mean:

(A) Sport fish;

(B) Baitfish;

(C) Aquatic animal species that are native to Utah;

(D) Aquatic animals and marine aquatic animals prohibited for importation or possession under federal law; or

(E) Aquatic animals and marine aquatic animals listed as prohibited or controlled in Subsection R657-3c-5(1).

(k) "Private fish pond" means a body of water or any fish culture system that:

(A) is not located on a natural lake, natural flowing stream, or reservoir constructed on a natural stream channel;

(B) is contained entirely on privately owned land; and

(C) is used for holding or rearing fish for a private, noncommercial purpose.

(1) "Purchase" means to buy, or otherwise acquire or obtain through barter, exchange, or trade for pecuniary-

consideration or advantage.

- (m) "Salmonid" means any fish belonging to the trout/salmon family.
- (n) "Short-term fishing event" means any event where:

(i) privately acquired fish are held or confined for a period not to exceed ten days in a temporary structure or

container;

(ii) for the purposes of providing fishing arfor recreational opportunity; and

- (iii) no fee is charged as a requirement to fish.
- (o) "Sterile" means the inability to reproduce.

R657-59-3. Certificate of Registration Not Required — Private Fish Ponds, Short-Term Fishing Events, and Aquaponics-Facilities.

(1) A certificate of registration is not required to stock an aquatic animal in an aquaponics facility, provided:

(a) the aquatic animals stocked are accompanied by a valid health approval number issued by the Utah Department of

Agriculture and Food pursuant to Chapter 4 Title 37 Aquaculture Act; and

(b) the aquatic animals to be stocked belong to one of the following species:

(i) bluegill;

(ii) hybrid bluegill (bluegill x green sunfish);

(iii) redear sunfish;

(iv) green sunfish;

- (v) striped bass;
- (vi) white bass;

(vii) hybrid striped bass or wiper (white bass x striped bass);

(viii) largemouth bass;

(ix) smallmouth bass;

(x) channel catfish;

- (xi) yellow perch;
- (xii) fathead minnow;
- (xiii) black crappie;
- (xiv) white crappie;
- (xv) rainbow trout;
- (xvi) cutthroat trout;
- (xvii) brown trout;
- (xviii) brook trout;
- (xix) tiger trout;
- (xx) walleye;
- (xxi) golden shiner; and

(xxii) any aquatic animal species classified as non-controlled for possession and importation under Section R657-3e-

(2) A certificate of registration is not required to receive and stock an aquaculture product in a private fish pond,

provided:

(a) the private fish pond satisfies the screening requirements established in Section R657-59-10;

(b) if a screen is required, the aquaculture product received must be of sufficient size to be incapable of escaping the pond through or around the screen;

(c) the species, sub-species, and sterility of the aquaculture product received is authorized for stocking in the areawhere the private fish pond is located consistent with the requirements in Section R657-59-11;

(d) the aquaculture product is:

(i) delivered to the pond by a licensed aquaculture facility as defined in Title 4 Chapter 37 Aquaculture Act; or

(ii) the owner, lessee, or operator of the private pond:

(A) possesses documentation from the aquaculture facility verifying the information itemized in Sections R657-59-6and R58-17-14 during transport; and

(B) assumes legal responsibility for directly transporting the fish from the aquaculture facility to the private fish pond;
(e) the owner, lessee, or operator of the pond obtains from the aquaculture facility providing the aquaculture product a valid health approval number issued by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food pursuant to Chapter 4 Title 37 Aquaculture Act: and

(f) the owner or operator of the private fish pond provides the aquaculture facility a signed written statement that the pond and aquaculture product received are in compliance with this section.

(3) A certificate of registration is not required to receive and stock an aquaculture product in a short-term fishingevent, provided:

(a) the temporary container or structure to be stocked is entirely separated from any public waterway or waterbody;

(b) the species, sub-species, and sterility of the aquaculture product received is authorized for stocking in the areawhere the short-term fishing event is located consistent with the requirements in Section R657-59-11;

(c) the aquaculture product is:

(i) delivered to the pond by a licensed aquaculture facility as defined in Chapter 4 Title 37 Aquaculture Act; or

(ii) the owner, lessee, or operator of the short-term fishing event:

(A) possesses documentation from the aquaculture facility verifying the information itemized in Sections R657-59-6and R58-17-14 during transport; and

(B) assumes legal responsibility for directly transporting the fish from the aquaculture facility to the short term fishing event;

(d) the owner, lessee, or operator of the pond obtains from the aquaculture facility providing the aquaculture product a valid health approval number issued by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food pursuant to Chapter 4 Title 37 Aquaculture Act; and

(e) the operator of the short-term fishing event provides the aquaculture facility a signed written statement that the short-term fishing event and aquaculture product received are in compliance with this section.

R657-59-4. Certificate of Registration Required -- Other Fish Stocking Activities.

(1)(a) A certificate of registration must be obtained from the division to receive, possess, stock, or release an aquaculture product or aquatic wildlife in a manner that does not satisfy the certificate of registration waiver requirementsidentified in R657-59-3.

(b) If a certificate of registration is required, a separate application for each fish stocking request must be submitted, except:

(i) stocking locations are separated by less than 1/2 mile may be placed on a single application; and

(ii) water bodies that drain to, or are modified to drain to, the same drainage may be listed on a single application.
(2) Fish stocked or released in a water body not eligible as a private fish pond or short-term fishing event under R657-59-3 are considered wild aquatic wildlife and may be taken only as provided in Rule R657-13 and the fishing proclamation.

(3) A permanent water body stocked pursuant to a certificate of registration for private stocking may not be screenedto contain fish, except:

(a) a water stocked with grass carp to control aquatic weeds must be adequately screened to prevent the grass carp from escaping; and

(b) the division may require screening of the water body to protect wildlife resources found in the water body and any connected waterways.

(i) the stocking will only occur on privately owned land;

(ii) the body of water to be stocked is a reservoir that is wholly contained on the land owned by the applicant;

(iii) the body of water is not stocked or otherwise actively managed by the division;

(iv) the fish to be stocked are for a non-commercial purpose; and

(v) in the opinion of the division, stocking will not interefere with division management objectives or cause

detrimental interactions with other species of fish or wildlife.

(5) An application for a certificate of registration for private stocking of triploid grass carp for control of aquatieweeds will be evaluated based upon:

(a) the severity of the weed problem;

(b) availability of other suitable means of weed control;

(c) adequacy of screening to contain the grass carp; and

(d) potential for conflict with division management objectives or detrimental interactions with other species of fish orwildlife.

R657-59-5. Application for a Fish Stocking Certificate of Registration; Application Criteria; Amendment of Certificateof Registration.

(1)(a) A person may apply to receive a certificate of registration for a fish stocking activity by submitting an application with the required handling and inspection fee to the Wildlife Registration Office, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

(b) Application forms are available at all division offices and at the division's internet address.

(c) The application may require up to 30 days for processing.

(d) The division may require a site inspection of the stocking location be performed to confirm compliance with the provisions found in this rule.

(e) The division may deny an application where:

(i) the application is incomplete, filled out incorrectly, or submitted without the appropriate fee;

(ii) receiving or stocking the aquaculture product or aquatic wildlife may:

(A) violate any federal, state or local law or any agreement between the state and another party;

(B) negatively impact native wildlife species listed by the division as sensitive or by the federal government asthreatened or endangered; (C) pose an identifiable adverse threat to other wildlife species or their habitat;

(D) pose an identifiable adverse impact to the division's game fish stocking regimes or wildlife management objectives; or

(E) non-salmonid aquaculture product will be stocked in a pond within the 100 year flood plain (below 6500 feet inelevation) in the Green River and Colorado River drainages and the pond does not meet FEMA standards on construction and screening; or

(iii) the applicant has violated any provision of Title 23, Utah Wildlife Resources Code, Administrative Code R657, a guidebook of the Wildlife Board, a certificate of registration, an order of the Wildlife Board, or any other law that bears a reasonable relationship to the applicant's ability to responsibly carry out the stocking activity.

(2) An application for a certificate of registration may not be denied without the review and consent of the divisiondirector or a designee.

(3) A certificate of registration for a fish stocking activity may remain effective for up to 5 years from the date of issuance as identified on the certificate of registration, unless:

(a) amended by the division at the request of the certificate of registration holder;

(b) terminated or modified by the division pursuant to R657-59-13; or

(c) suspended by the division or a court pursuant to Section 23-19-9.

(4) An amendment to the certificate of registration is required each time fish are stocked, except a person may request to stock fish more than once if the request is made on the application and the request is approved by the division on the certificate of registration.

R657-59-6. Acquiring, Importing, and Transferring Aquaculture Products.

(1)(a) Species of aquaculture products that may be imported into the state are provided in Section R657-3c-5.
(b) Applications to import aquaculture products are available from all division offices and must be submitted to the division's Wildlife Registration Office in Salt Lake City.

(c) Complete applications may require up to 30 days for processing.

(2) Live aquaculture products, other than ornamental fish, may only be:

(a) purchased or acquired from sources approved by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food to sell suchproducts; and

(b) acquired, purchased or transferred from sources which have been health approved by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and assigned a number as provided in Title 4 Chapter 37 Aquaculture Act.

(b) All transfers or shipments of live aquaculture products must be accompanied by documentation of the source and destination of the product, including:

(i) name, address, certificate of registration number, and fish health approval number of the source;

(ii) number and weight being shipped, by species;

(iii) name, address, and certificate of registration number, if applicable, of the destination; and

(iv) a copy of the importation permit provided by the Utah Department of Agriculture.

(c)(i) Once stocked in a water body, aquaculture products may not be transferred or relocated live.

(b) The form verifying triploidy must be obtained from the supplier and be on file with the Wildlife Registration Office of the division in Salt Lake City before importation.

(c) A copy of the triploidy verification form must also accompany the fish during transport.

(5)(a) Live aquaculture products may be shipped through Utah without a certificate of registration provided that:

(i) the aquatic wildlife or aquaculture products are not sold or transferred;

(ii) the aquatic wildlife or aquaculture products remain in the original container;

(iii) the water is not exchanged or discharged; and

(iv) the shipment is in Utah no longer than 72 hours.

(b) Proof of legal ownership and destination must accompany the shipment.

R657-59-7. Inspection of Records and Fish Stocking Locations.

(1) Records of purchase, distribution, and acquisition of aquaculture products and copies of certificates of registrationmust be kept for the duration of the certificate of registration and must be available for inspection by a division representativeduring reasonable hours.

(2) The division and its authorized representatives may inspect a private fish pond or other stocking location duringreasonable hours to verify compliance with the requirements of Title 23 of the Utah Code and this rule.

(3) Consistent with the provisions of Utah Administrative Code R58-17, the division and its authorized

representatives may inspect aquaculture products stocked pursuant to this rule to conduct sterility, pathological, fish culture, or physical investigations during reasonable hours to verify compliance with the requirements of Title 23 of the Utah Code and this rule.

R657-59-8. Prohibited Activities.

(1) Live aquatic wildlife may not be collected from the wild and used in stocking activities unless authorized by the division consistent with the requirements in Rules R657-3a and R657-3e.

— (2) A person may not release or transport any live aquaculture product received or held under this rule without priorwritten authorization of the division and the Fish Health Policy Board.

R657-59-9. Fishing License and Transportation of Dead Aquaculture Product.

(1) A fishing license is not required to:

(a) take fish from a legally recognized private fish pond or short-term fishing event; or

(b) to transport dead aquaculture product from a private fish pond or short-term fishing event.

R657-59-10. Screen Requirements.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), all permanent and intermittant inlets and outlets of a private fish pondshall be screened to prevent the movement of aquatic wildlife into the pond or the escapement of any aquaculture product fromthe private fish pond into public waters.

(b) Upon request of the private pond owner or lessee, the division may conduct a site analysis and waive sereen requirements if it is determined that the waiver of screen requirements will not be detrimental to the wildlife resource.

(c) Any aquaculture product that escapes a private fish pond are considered aquatic wildlife for the purposes of licensing requirements, bag limits, and allowable methods of take.

(2) If a screen is required, the screen must meet the following provisions:

(a) the screen should be constructed of durable materials that are capable of maintaining integrity in a water and airenvironment for an extended period of time;

(b) the screen shall have no openings, seams or mesh width greater than the width of the fish being stocked;

(c) all water entering or leaving the pond, including run off and other high water events, shall flow through a screenconsistent with the requirements of this subsection; and

(d) the screen shall be maintained and in place at all times while any aquaculture product remains in the pond.

R657-59-11. Species and Reproductive Capabilities of Aquaculture Product Authorized by Area for Stocking in Private-Fish Ponds and Short Term Fishing Events.

(1) A certificate of registration must be obtained from the division pursuant to R657-59-4 and R657-59-5 prior tostocking in any private fish pond of:

(a) a non-salmonid aquaculture product; or

(b) any other species or sterility of aquaculture product not specifically authorized in this Section.

(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection 4, a certified sterile salmonid aquaculture product may be stocked in anyprivate fish pond or short term fishing event within the state without a certificate of registration.

(b) Triploid salmonids accepted as sterile pursuant to this rule shall originate from a source that is certified as incapable of reproduction using the following protocols:

(i) fish samples shall be collected, prepared, and submitted to a certified laboratory by an independent veterinarian, certified fish health professional, or other professional approved by the division or Utah Department of Agriculture;

(ii) certified laboratories shall be limited to independent, professional laboratories capable of reliably testing fishsterility and approved by the division;

(iv) sterility shall be determined by sampling and testing 60 fish from each egg lot using either flow cytometry, particle analysis, or karyotyping; and

(v) At least 95% of the fish test triploid.

(c) An aquaculture facility that receives certified sterile salmonid aquaculture product is not required to conductadditional sterility testing prior to stocking the aquaculture product, provided the sterile salmonids are kept segregated from other fertile salmonids.

(d) Hybrid salmonid fish species accepted as sterile under this subsection are limited to splake trout (lake trout/brook-trout cross) and tiger trout (brown trout/brook trout cross).

(3) Fertile rainbow trout may be stocked without a certificate of registration in any private fish pond or short-termfishing event within the state consistent with R657-59-3, except for waters located within the following drainages designated by-County and hydrologic unit code (HUC) or township and range:

Beaver County:

(i) North Creek drainage - HUCs 160300070203, 160300070208; and

(ii) Pine Creek drainage (near Sulphurdale) - HUC 160300070501.

(b) Box Elder County - stocking is prohibited in the following:

(i) Morison Creek drainage - HUC 16020308;

(ii) Bettridge Creek drainage - HUC 16020308;

(iii) Death Creek drainage - HUC 16020308;

(iv) Camp Creek drainage - HUC 16020308;

(v) Goose Creek drainage - HUC 17040211;

(vi) Raft River drainage - HUC 17040210;

(vii) Fat Whorled Pond Snail Springs - Township 10 North, Ranges 4 and 5 West; and (c) Cache County: (i) Logan River drainage - HUC 16010203; (ii) Blacksmith Fork River drainage - HUC 16010203; (iii) East Fork Little Bear River drainage- HUC 16010203; and (iv) Little Bear River drainage - HUC 16010203. (d) Carbon County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (e) Daggett County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (f) Duchesne County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (g) Emery County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (i) Garfield County: (i) Birch Creek/Main Canyon drainage - HUC 140700050102; (ii) Center Creek drainage (tributary to East Fork Sevier R) HUC 160300020412; (iii) Cottonwood Creek drainage - HUC 160300020406; (iv) East Fork of Boulder Creek/ West Fork Boulder Creek drainage - HUC 140700050206; and (v) Ranch Creek drainage (East Fork Sevier River drainage) - HUC 160300020405. (h) Grand County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (i) Juab County: (i) Sulphur Wash drainage - HUC 160203011303: (ii) Middle Pleasant Valley Draw drainage - HUC 160203011402; (iii) Lower Pleasant Valley Draw drainage - HUC 160203011403; (iv) Cookscomb Ridge drainage - HUC 160203011501; (v) Outlet Salt Marsh Lake drainage - HUC 160203011502; (vi) Deep Creek Range drainage - HUC 160203011503; (vii) Snake Valley drainage - HUC 160203011504; (viii) Little Red Cedar Wash drainage - HUC 160203011505; (ix) Trout Creek drainage - HUC 160203060101; (x) Smelter Knolls drainage - HUC 160203060104; (xi) Toms Creek drainage - HUC 160203060201; (xii) Goshute Canyon drainage - HUC 160203060202; (xiii) Indian Farm Creek drainage - HUC 160203060204: (xiv) Spring Creek drainage - HUC 160203060803; (xv) Fifteenmile Creek drainage - HUC 160203060804; (xvi) East Creek/East Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060805; (xvii) East Creek/East Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060806; (xviii) West Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060808: (xix) Horse Valley drainage - HUC 160203060304; (xx) Starvation Canyon drainage - HUC 160203060305; (xxi) Cane Springs drainage - HUC 160203060307; (xxii) Fish Springs Range drainage - HUC 160203060308; (xxiii) Middle Fish Springs Wash drainage - HUC 160203060309; (xxiv) Lower Fish Springs Wash drainage - HUC 160203060403; (xxv) Fish Springs drainage - HUC 160203060405; (xxvi) Wilson Health Springs drainage - HUC 160203060407; (xxvii) Vernon Creek drainage - HUC 160203040102; (xxviii) Outlet Chicken Creek drainage - HUC 160300050206; (xxix) Little Valley/Sevier River drainage - HUC 160300050403; (xxx) Pole Creek/Salt Creek drainage - HUC 160202010104; and (xxxi) West Creek/Current Creek drainage - HUC160202010107. (j) Millard County (i) Outlet Salt Marsh Lake drainage - HUC 160203011502; (ii) Sulphur Wash drainage - HUC160203011303; (iii) Cockscomb Ridge drainage - HUC 160203011501; (iv) Tungstonia Wash drainage - HUC 160203011302; (v) Salt Marsh Lake - HUC 160203011304; (vi) Indian George Wash drainage - HUC 160203011301 (vii) Outlet Bishop Springs drainage - HUC 160203011203;

(viii) Warm Creek drainage - HUC 160203011204; (ix) Headwaters Bishop Springs drainage - HUC 160203011202; (x) Indian Pass - HUC 160203011107; (xi) Chevron Ridge drainage - HUC 160203011110; (xii) Petes Knoll drainage - HUC 160203011109; (xiii) Red Gulch drainage - HUC 160203011102; (xiv) Horse Canyon drainage - HUC 160203011106; (xv) Hampton Creek drainage - HUC 160203011105; (xvi) Knoll Springs drainage - HUC 160203011103; (xvii) Browns Wash drainage - HUC 160203011101; (xviii) Outlet Baker Creek drainage - HUC 160203011004; (xix) Outlet Old Mans Canyon drainage - HUC 160203011003; (xx) Hendrys Creek drainage - HUC 160203011104; (xxi) Headwaters Old Mans Canyon drainage - HUC 160203011002; (xxii) Rock Canyon drainage - HUC 160203011001 (xxiii) Silver Creek drainage - Baker Creek drainage - HUC 160203010806; (xxiv) Outlet Weaver Creek drainage - HUC 160203010804; (xxv) Conger Spring drainage - HUC 160203010702; and (xxvi) Sheepmens Little Valley drainage - HUC 160203010607. (k) Morgan County: (i) Weber River drainage - HUC 16020102; (ii) East Canyon Creek drainage - HUC 16020102; and (iii) Lost Creek drainage - HUC 16020101. (1) Piute County: (i) Birch Creek drainage HUC 160300010603; (ii) Clear Creek drainage HUC 1603000301; (iii) Manning Creek drainage - HUC 160300030203; (iv) Tenmile Creek drainage HUC 160300030204. (m) Rich County: (i) Bear Lake drainage - HUC 16010201; (ii) Big Creek drainage - HUC 16010101; (iii) Birch Creek drainage from Birch Creek Reservoir, upstream HUC 16010101; (iv) Little Creek drainage from Little Creek Reservoir, upstream HUC 16010101; (v) Otter Creek drainage - HUC 16010101; (vi) Woodruff Creek drainage - HUC 16010101; and (vii) Home Canyon and Meachum Canyon (Deseret Ranch) drainage - HUC 16010101. (n) Salt Lake County: (i) Big Cottonwood Canyon Creek drainage - HUC 160202040201; (ii) Little Cottonwood Canvon Creek drainage - HUC 160202040202: (iii) Mill Creek drainage - HUC 160202040301; (iv) Parleys Creek drainage - HUC 160202040302; (v) Emigration Creek drainage - HUC 160202040303; (vi) City Creek drainage - HUC 160202040304; and (vii) Red Butte Creek/Emigration Creek drainage - HUC 160202040306. (o) San Juan County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (p) Sanpete County: (i) Areas west of the Manti Mountain Range divide: (A) Dry Creek/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040201; (B) Oak Creek/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040202; (C) Cottonwood Canyon/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040203; (D) Birch Creek/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040204; (E) Pleasant Creek drainage - HUC 160300040205; (F) Dublin Wash/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040206; (G) Cedar Creek drainage - HUC 160300040207; (H) Spring Hollow/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040208; (I) Upper Oak Creek drainage - HUC 160300040302; (J) Petes Canyon/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040306; (K) Uinta Gulch drainage - HUC 160202020201; (L) Upper Thistle Creek drainage - HUC 160202020202; (M) Nebo Creek drainage - HUC 160202020203; (N) Middle Thistle Creek drainage - HUC 160202020204;

(O) Dry Canyon/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040308; (P) Maple Canyon/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040309; (O) Gunnison Reservoir/San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040503; (R) Outlet San Pitch River drainage - HUC 160300040505; (S) Beaver Creek drainage - HUC 140700020201; (T) Box Canyon/Muddy Creek drainage - HUC 140700020203; (U) Skumpah Creek-Salina Creek drainage - HUC 160300030402; and (V) Headwaters Twelvemile Creek drainage - HUC 160300040402. (ii) Waters above 7000 feet in elevation east of the Manti Mountain Range divided. (q) Sevier County: (i) Clear Creek drainage HUC 1603000301; (ii) Salina Creek drainage - HUC 160300030402; and (iii) U M Creek drainage - HUC 140700030101. (r) Summit County: (i) Bear River drainage drainage - HUC 16010101: (ii) Mill Creek drainage - HUC 16010101; (iii) Muddy Creek and Van Tassel Creek drainage - HUC 14040108; (iv) Little West Fork/Blacks Fork drainage - HUC 14040107; (v) Blacks Fork drainage - HUC 14040107; (vi) Archie Creek drainage - HUC 14040107; (vii) West Fork Smiths Fork drainage - HUC 14040107; (viii) Gilbert Creek drainage - HUC 14040107; (ix) East Fork Smiths Fork drainage - HUC 14040107; (x) Dahlgreen Creek drainage - HUC 14040106; (xi) Henrys Fork drainage - HUC 14040106; (xii) Spring Creek and Poison Creek drainage - HUC 14040106; (xiii) West Fork Beaver Creek drainage - HUC 14040106; (xiv) Middle Fork Beaver Creek drainage - HUC 14040106; (xv) Echo Creek drainage - HUC 16020101; (xvi) Chalk Creek drainage - HUC 16020101; (xvii) Silver Creek drainage - HUC 16020101; (xviii) Weber River drainage - HUC 16020101; (xix) Beaver Creek drainage - HUC 16020101; (xx) Provo River drainage - HUC 16020101; (xxi) Kimball Creek drainage - HUC 160201020101; (xxii) Big Dutch Hollow/East Canyon Creek drainage - HUC 160201020103; and (xxiii) Toll Canyon/East Canyon Creek drainage - HUC 160201020102. (w) Tooele County: (i) Toms Creek drainage - HUC 160203060201: (ii) Goshute Canyon drainage - HUC 160203060202; (iii) Eightmile Wash drainage - HUC 160203060203; (iv) Indian Farm Creek drainage - HUC 160203060204; (v) Willow Spring Wash drainage HUC 160203060205; (vi) Willow Canyon drainage - HUC 160203080104; (vii) Bettridge Creek drainage - HUC 160203080106; (viii) East Creek/East Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060806; (ix) East Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060807; (x) West Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060808; (xi) Gullmette Gulch/Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060902; (xii) Pony Express Canyon/Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060904; (xiii) Badlands drainage - HUC 160203060905; (xiv) White Sage Flat/Deep Creek drainage - HUC 160203060907; (xv) Lower Fish Springs Wash drainage - HUC 160203060403; (xvi) Fish Springs drainage - HUC 160203060405; (xvii) Wilson Health Springs drainage - HUC 160203060407; (xviii) East Government Creek drainage - HUC 160203040101; (xix) Vernon Creek drainage - HUC 160203040102; and (xx) Faust Creek drainage - HUC 160203040105. (s) Uintah County: (i) waters above 7000 feet in elevation. (t) Utah County: (i) Starvation Creek drainage - HUC 160202020101;

(ii) Upper Soldier Creek drainage - HUC 160202020102; (iii) Tie Fork drainage - HUC 160202020103; (iv) Middle Soldier Creek drainage - HUC 160202020105; (v) Lake Fork drainage - HUC 160202020106; (vi) Lower Soldier Creek drainage - HUC 160202020107; (vii) Upper Thistle Creek drainage - HUC 160202020202; (viii) Nebo Creek drainage - HUC 160202020203; (ix) Middle Thistle Creek drainage - HUC 160202020204; (x) Lower Thistle Creek drainage - HUC 160202020205: (xi) Sixth Water Creek drainage - HUC 160202020301; (xii) Cottonwood Canyon drainage - HUC 160202020302; (xiii) Fifth Water Creek drainage - HUC160202020303; (xiv) Upper Diamond drainage Fork - HUC 160202020304; (xv) Wanrhodes Canyon drainage - HUC 160202020305; (xvi) Middle Diamond Fork drainage - HUC 160202020306; (xvii) Lower Diamond Fork drainage - HUC 160202020307; (xviii) Headwaters Left Fork Hobble Creek drainage - HUC 160202020401; (xix) Headwaters Right Fork Hobble Creek drainage - HUC 160202020402; (xx) Outlet Left Fork Hobble Creek drainage - HUC 160202020403; (xxi) Outlet Right Fork Hobble Creek drainage - HUC 160202020404; (xxii) Upper Spanish Fork Creek drainage - HUC 160202020501; (xxiii) Middle Spanish Fork Creek drainage - HUC 160202020502; (xxiv) Peteetneet Creek drainage - HUC 160202020601; (xxv) Spring Creek drainage - HUC 160202020602; (xxvi) Beer Creek drainage - HUC 160202020603; (xxvii) Big Spring Hollow/South Fork Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030502; (xxviii) Pole Creek/Salt Creek drainage - HUC 160202010104; (xxix) Middle American Fork Canyon drainage - HUC 160202010802; (xxx) Mill Fork drainage - HUC 160202020104; and (xxxi) Upper American Fork Canyon drainage - HUC 160202010801. (u) Wasatch County: (i) Willow Creek/Strawberry River drainage - HUC 140600040101; (ii) Clyde Creek/Strawberry River drainage - HUC 140600040102; (iii) Indian Creek drainage - HUC140600040104; (iv) Trout Creek/Strawberry River drainage - HUC 140600040105; (v) Soldier Creek/Strawberry River drainage - HUC 140600040106; (vi) Willow Creek drainage - HUC 140600040301; (vii) Current Creek Reservoir drainage - HUC 140600040401; (viii) Little Red Creek drainage - HUC 140600040402; (ix) Outlet Current Creek drainage - HUC 140600040403; (x) Water Hollow/Current Creek drainage - HUC 140600040404; (xi) Headwaters West Fork Duchesne River drainage - HUC 140600030101; (xii) Little South Fork Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030201; (xiii) Bench Creek/Provo River drainage - HUC160202030202; (xiv) Lady Long Hollow/Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030203; (xv) Charcoal Canyon/Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030204; (xvi) Drain Tunnel Creek drainage - HUC 160202030301; (xvii) Lake Creek drainage - HUC 160202030302; (xviii) Center Creek drainage - HUC 160202030303; (xix) Cottonwood Canyon/Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030304; (xx) Snake Creek drainage - HUC 160202030305; (xxi) Spring Creek/Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030306; (xxii) Daniels Creek drainage - HUC 160202030401; (xxiii) Upper Main Creek drainage - HUC 160202030403; (xxiv) Lower Main Creek drainage - HUC 160202030404; (xxv) Deer Creek Reservoir-Provo River drainage - HUC160202030405; (xxvi) Provo Deer Creek drainage - HUC 160202030501; (xxvii) Little Hobble Creek drainage - HUC 160202030402; (xxviii) Mill Hollow/South Fork Provo River drainage - HUC 160202030104; and (xxix) Mud Creek drainage - HUC 140600040103. (v) Washington County: (i) Ash Creek drainage - HUC 150100080405;

(ii) Beaver Dam Wash drainage - HUC 15010010; (iii) Laverkin Creek drainage - HUC 150100080302; (iv) Leeds Creek drainage - HUC 150100080906; (v) Baker Dam Reservoir/Santa Clara River drainage - HUC 150100080704; (vi) Tobin Wash drainage - HUC 150100080802: (vii) Sand Cove Wash drainage - HUC 150100080801; (viii) Manganese Wash/Santa Clara River drainage - HUC 150100080804; (ix) Wittwer Canyon/Santa Clara River drainage - HUC 150100080808; (x) Cove Wash/Santa Clara River drainage - HUC 150100080809; (xi) Moody Wash drainage - HUC 150100080603; (xii) Upper Moody Wash drainage - HUC 150100080602; (xiii) Magotsu Creek drainage - HUC 150100080704; (xiv) South Ash Creek drainage - HUC 150100080405); (xv) Water Canvon drainage - HUC 150100080701); (xvi) Chinatown Wash/Virgin River drainage - HUC 150100080508; (xvii) Lower Gould Wash drainage - HUC 150100080508; (xviii) Grapevine Wash/Virgin River drainage - HUC 150100080903; (xix) Cottonwood Wash/Virgin River drainage - HUC 150100080909; (xx) Middleton Wash/Virgin River drainage - HUC 150100080910; (xxi) Lower Fort Pierce Wash drainage - HUC 150100080605; (xxii) Atkinville Wash drainage - HUC 150100080303; (xxiii) Lizard Wash drainage - HUC 150100080302; (xxiv) Val Wash/Virgin River drainage - HUC 150100080307; (xxv) Bulldog Canyon drainage - HUC 150100080310; and (xxvi) Fort Pierce Wash drainage - HUC 15010009. (w) Weber County (i) North Fork Ogden River drainage - HUC 16020102; (ii) Middle Fork Ogden River drainage - HUC 16020102; and (iii) South Fork Ogden River drainage-HUC 16020102.

(4) Brown trout and brown trout hybrids may not be stocked within Washington County.

R657-59-12. Institutional Aquaculture.

(b) A certificate of registration is not required for any public agency, institution of higher learning, school, or educational program to engage in the hobby of aquaponics, so long as the aquaponics facility complies with the regulations in R657-59-3(1).

(2) Aquatic wildlife or aquaculture products produced by institutional aquaculture may not be:

(a) sold;

(b) stocked; or

(c) transferred into waters of the state unless specifically authorized by the certificate of registration.

(3) The fish health approval requirements of Title 4 Chapter 37 apply.

(4)(a) A certificate of registration for institutional aquaculture may be obtained by submitting an application to the division.

(b) A certificate of registration may be renewed by submitting an application prior to the expiration date of the current certificate of registration.

(c) The application may require up to 30 days for processing.

(d) The division may require a site inspection of the institutional aquaculture facility be performed to confirmcompliance with the provisions found in this rule.

(e) The division may deny an application where:

(i) the application is incomplete, filled out incorrectly, or submitted without the appropriate fee;

(ii) operating the institutional aquaculture facility may violate any federal, state or local law or any agreementbetween the state and another party:

(iii) the application fails to demonstrate an ability to operate the aquaculture facility in a manner that protects Utah'swildlife, their habitats, and other aquaculture facilities from contamination; or

(iv) the applicant has violated any provision of Title 23, Utah Wildlife Resources Code, Administrative Code R657, aguidebook of the Wildlife Board, a certificate of registration, an order of the Wildlife Board, or any other law that bears areasonable relationship to the applicant's ability to responsibly operate an institutional aquaculture facility.

(5) An application for a certificate of registration may not be denied without the review and consent of the divisiondirector or a designee.

(6) A certificate of registration for a institutional aquaculture may remain effective for up to 5 years from the date of issuance as identified on the certificate of registration, unless:

(a) amended by the division at the request of the certificate of registration holder;

(b) terminated or modified by the division pursuant to R657-59-13; or

(c) suspended by the division or a court pursuant to Section 23-19-9.

R657-59-13. Expiration and Termination of Certificates of Registration.

(1) If a certificate of registration expires or the division suspends or terminates the certificate of registration, all liveaquaculture products permitted under the certificate of registration shall be disposed of as follows:

(a) Unless the Wildlife Board orders otherwise, all aquaculture products or aquatic wildlife must be removed within 30 days of suspension or the expiration date of the certificate of registration, or within 30 days after ice-free conditions on the-water; or

(b) At the discretion of the division, aquaculture products and aquatic wildlife may remain in the waters at the facility, but shall only be taken as prescribed within Rule R657-13 for Taking Fish and Crayfish.

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