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[Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries](#)

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to protect, conserve, and replenish the natural resources and wildlife of the state, the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life. The Department is responsible for the adherence to and implementation of these regulations and the rules of evidence relating to seizures and criminal prosecution.

	Provision Summary	Citation
Invasive Plants	No person shall import or cause to be transported into the state of Louisiana from any other state or country, any of the invasive noxious aquatic plants identified in this section, without complying with a permit first obtained from the department.	La. Admin Code. tit. 76, Pt VII, § 1101(B)(1)
	Owners and tenants of property are jointly responsible for complying with the rules and regulations regarding plant pests (of the Dept. of Agriculture) and any other requirements imposed by the state entomologist to eradicate, control and prevent the spread of any plant pest or disease.	La. Admin Code. tit. 7, Pt XV, § 117
Invasive Animals	To promote the removal of the exotic species bycatch of grass carp, silver carp, bighead carp, and black carp, these fishes may be caught in all legal commercial fishing gear if legally fished. Those exotic fish may not be sold or traded while alive. Licensed recreational fishers may take silver and bighead carp.	La. Admin Code. tit. 76, Pt VII, § 199(A)
	Rio Grande Cichlid and apple snails, identified as exotic fish, may be retained, although all steps must be taken to kill the species immediately upon capture. They may not be maintained, sold, bartered, traded, or exchanged.	La. Admin Code. tit. 76, Pt VII, § 199(B)
Use of Bait (unrelated to commercial licensing)	Bait species are defined as all species of fish and other aquatic life utilized for bait	La. Rev. Stat. § 56:8(12)