

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

Importation of Fish

Chapter 41:09:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	September 5-6, 2019	Spearfish
	Public Hearing	October 3, 2019	Oacoma
	Finalization	October 3-4, 2019	Oacoma

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. Allow for a single importation permit from an out-of-state source to cover an entire year from their last fish health inspection to reduce paper work and staff time.
2. Specify in rule which fish species need to be tested for which pathogens of regulatory concern. This will reduce the costs for private industry and GFP to have fish health testing conducted.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. Fish health inspections are done yearly at state, federal and private fish hatcheries. It is burdensome to require that a facility obtain an importation permit for each time they receive fish or fish eggs from an out-of-state hatchery during the year that the fish health inspection is valid. Allowing an importation permit to be valid for the period of one year since the fish health inspection was completed by an approved fish health laboratory and sign by an approved fish health professional will reduce paper work and staff time.
2. Not all fish species are susceptible to all pathogens. Testing for pathogens that a species cannot contract unnecessarily adds cost to the state, federal or private producer by requiring extra unnecessary tests, which is an added financial burden.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____