



PROTOCOL FOR CDFW HATCHERY TROUT or INLAND FISH OR FISH EGG REQUESTS FOR RESEARCH AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Trout and Inland hatchery fish are raised with limited, dedicated funding allocated to CDFW hatcheries from recreational fishing license sales. Commercial sources of trout are available and **must** be considered for the use of for-profit entities, or for research and/or educational projects with dedicated funding prior to applying for CDFW hatchery fish. For a list of registered private aquaculturists in California see: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Aquaculture>

Valid requests for CDFW hatchery trout will be considered for research or educational purposes year-round.

A formal Request letter of request on your company, agency or university letterhead is required and must include

- Reason why requested fish cannot be obtained from a registered private aquaculturists
 - Include list of aquaculturists contacted.
- Number of fish, eggs or fish products requested
- Size or age
- Species
- Date(s) when fish, eggs or fish products are needed
- Reason for request (i.e. intended use of requested fish or fish products)
- Disposition of the fish, eggs or fish materials after the termination of experiments or educational purposes
- Location where the tests will be conducted
- Description of potential for hatchery fish to interact with natural biota/ecosystems
 - Includes potential water discharge from aquaria or captive systems
- Preferred hatchery source with explanation
 - If *any* hatchery is acceptable please indicate so
- A copy of the complete research proposal (as applicable) to describe the intended activity, methods and anticipated results (data gathered)
 - Proposals for hatchery fish and fish products should identify the main intent of research and its relevance to fishery management issues or the benefit of the proposed public education.
- A Scientific Collecting Permit will be required for non-state listed species with the potential to interact with natural biota/ecosystems. A CESA MOU is required for all state listed species with the potential to interact with natural biota/ecosystems. If applicable, include a Scientific Collecting Permit number for the proposed activity.
- All other applicable permitting (e.g. Federal) will still be required
- Any other relevant information

CDFW Fisheries Branch, Hatchery and Regional staff will review proposals as they are received. All requests with study proposals (as applicable) are to be sent to the Statewide Hatchery Coordinator (frank.riley@wildlife.ca.gov).

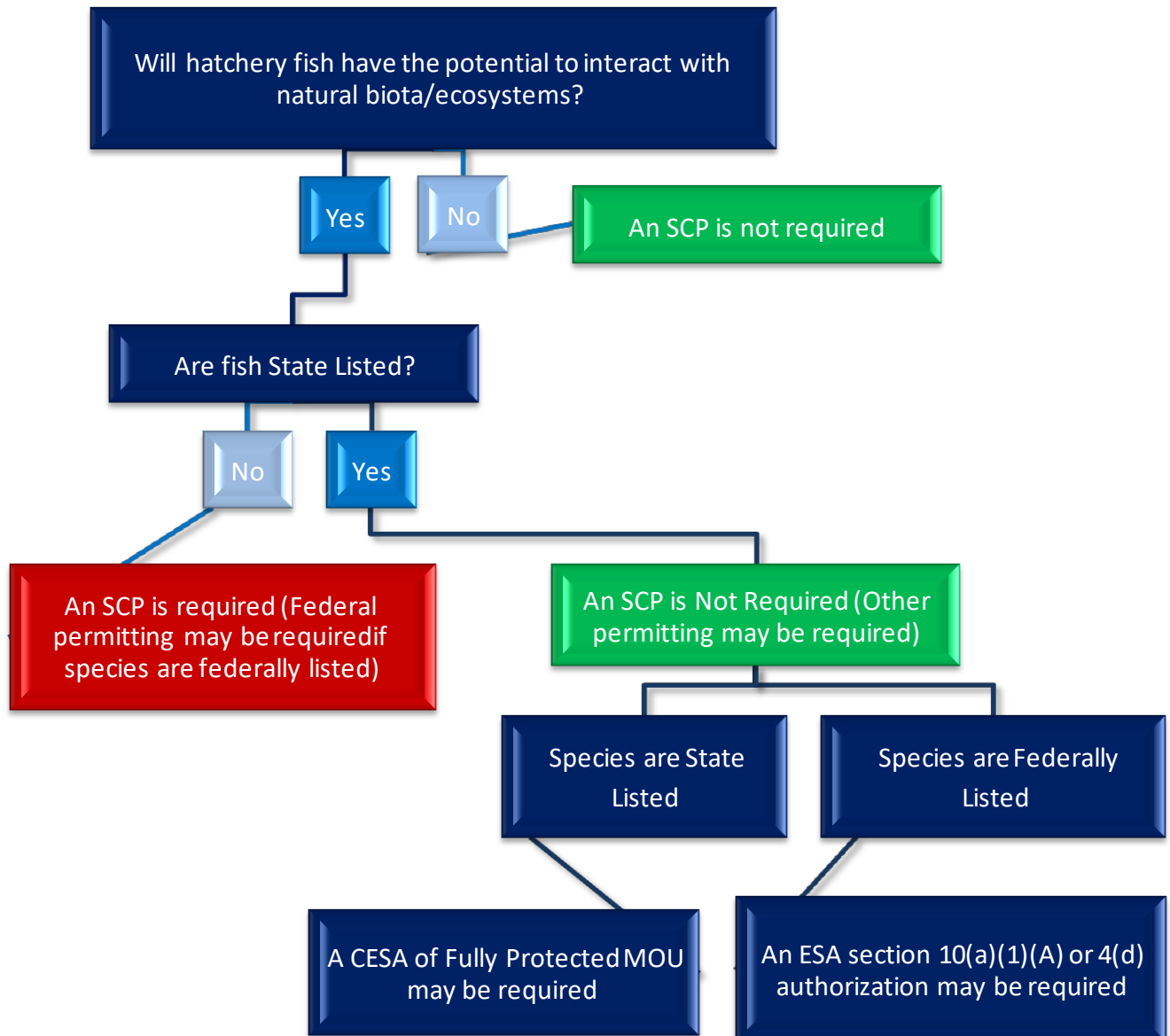
Following Department review of proposals, the Hatchery Coordinator will contact the requestor in writing to notify them of the decision to approve or denying the request.

Approved requests will require that researchers supply reports, data, and/or publications resulting from the conducted research to CDFW for discretionary fishery management applications.

The request packet including proposal, summary of test results, and any publications or reports should be submitted (e-mailed preferred) to:

Frank Riley
Statewide Hatchery Coordinator
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SCPs for Take of Fish from the Hatchery



Hatchery Fish - Any fish produced, reared and raised in a hatchery.

Natural Origin Fish – Any fish produced in the wild that is brought into the hatchery.