



**CAEP**  
Classroom Aquarium  
Education Program

## **Classroom Aquarium Education Program: Regulations**

The Fish and Game Code sections listed below describe relevant authorities and clarify the requirements necessary to facilitate the CAEP program. Fish and Game Code sections 711.7, 2081(a), 6400, 1802 are referenced in the DFW 772 Form. The excerpts presented herein may illustrate select sections of the regulation and may not be comprehensive. Please use the links provided to review the regulation in its entirety.

### **Department Organization & General Functions**

Fish and Game Code [§711.7](#)

*The fish and wildlife resources are held in trust for the people of the state by and through the department.*

### **Trout Management**

Fish and Game Code [§1729](#): Stocking of appropriate waters with hatchery-produced trout; Education; Reproduction; Surveys; Review of regulations

*(a) The department shall give priority to stocking native hatchery-produced species in California's waters, where stocking is determined to be appropriate by the department. Stocking of hatchery-produced fish is not appropriate in all of California's waters, including, but not limited to, stocking in California's waters that would adversely affect species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 or the California Endangered Species Act*

*(d) Educational programs utilizing the hatcheries shall be encouraged.*

*(e) The department shall ensure that all trout stocked in waters of the state for recreational purposes are unable to reproduce through triploidy or other means. Exceptions apply.*

### **Conservation of Wildlife Resources**

Fish and Game Code [§1802](#): Policy

*The department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species.*

## **Endangered Species; Taking, Importation, Exportation or Sale**

Fish and Game Code [§2081\(a\)](#): Exceptions for scientific, educational, or management purposes

*Through permits or memorandums of understanding, the department may authorize individuals, public agencies, universities, zoological gardens, and scientific or educational institutions, to import, export, take, or possess any endangered species, threatened species, or candidate species for scientific, educational, or management purposes.*

## **Stocking Aquatic Organisms**

Fish and Game Code [§15200](#): Regulation of placing of plants and animals in state waters; When permit not required

*The commission may regulate the placing of aquatic plants and animals in waters of the state. Movement of live fish between two registered aquaculturists who are registered for those species does not require a permit.*

Fish and Game Code [§15201](#): When permit required to place fish; Denial of permit

*A permit is required to place fish on public or private land or water in any watershed above an established public or private fish hatchery. The department shall deny the permit if there is evidence that water quality and potential disease transfers will be adverse to the established hatchery.*

Fish and Game Code [§15202](#): Prohibition against placement of specific plant or animal species; Exception

*The commission may prohibit the placement of specific species of aquatic plants or animals in designated waters of the state. The prohibition may not include species that are found to be native or that are stocked by the state in a location where prohibition is contemplated.*

## **Fish Planting and Propagation, General Provisions**

Fish and Game Code [§6400](#): Placing of fish, animal, or plant in waters

*It is unlawful to place, plant, or cause to be placed or planted, in any of the waters of this State, any live fish, any fresh or salt water animal, or any aquatic plant, whether taken without or within the State, without first submitting it for inspection to, and securing the written permission of, the department.*