



**LAKE STURGEON - IMPORTER APPLICATION**

Application Fee: \$ 25.00

License Fee: \$125.00

Please Refer to the Instructions Before Completing This Application.  
 (Please Print or Type)

1. Applicant Last Name		First Name		M.I.	<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>  License Number _____  Effective Date _____  Expiration Date _____  Region _____
2. Business/Organization Name (if applicable)					
3. Street 1			4. Telephone # (Day)		
Street 2			Telephone # (Night)		
City/Town		State/Province	Country		
Zip Code (Zip + 4)		5. Date of Birth			
6. Address of Premises To Be Licensed (if different from above address)					
City/Town		State/Province		County	Zip Code (Zip + 4)
7. This Application Is For a:			8. If This Application Is For a Previous License Please:		
<input type="checkbox"/> New License <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of a Previous License			List Your Previous License Number _____		
<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Pursuant to ECL Section 3-0301(2)(Q) False statements made on this application are punishable pursuant to Section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Code.</p>					
_____ Date			_____ Signature of Applicant		

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## Instructions

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Environmental Conservation Law Sections 11-0535 and 6 NYCRR Part 182.7**

**The Department of Environmental Conservation may issue a Lake Sturgeon Importer Application to qualified individuals for importing Lake Sturgeon in accordance with and pursuant to ECL 11-0535 and 6 NYCRR Part 182.7.**

Section 182.7 reads as follows:

### SPECIAL RULES:

Lake Sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*): Although this species is listed as threatened in New York State, there are viable populations elsewhere that can be harvested commercially. There is a demand for Lake Sturgeon products in New York.

#### A. Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this section:

1. **CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION** - a written instrument signed by a representative of the country, state or province within which the Lake Sturgeon were taken attesting to the fact that the Lake Sturgeon were taken in such country, state or province.
2. **DEPARTMENT** - the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
3. **LABEL** - a legible, written instrument to be placed on sealed containers of processed Lake Sturgeon bearing the following information: the words "Lake Sturgeon" at least one quarter of an inch high, name, address and importer's or processor's license number.
4. **LAKE STURGEON** - living or dead Lake Sturgeon or any parts of Lake Sturgeon.
5. **PERSON** - any individual, partnership; corporation or legal entity.
6. **PROCESS** - to prepare Lake Sturgeon for sale or disposal including: skinning, boning, slicing, chopping, grinding, smoking, drying, curing, cooking and combining with other foodstuffs.
7. **SEALED CONTAINER** - any packaging method that prevents entry or access to the contents without destruction of the integrity of the package.
8. **TAG** - a non-reusable, locking marker bearing in script of at least one quarter inch high, the words "Lake Sturgeon" and the valid importation license number of the person who attached the tags to the unprocessed Lake Sturgeon.
9. **UNPROCESSED LAKE STURGEON** - includes Lake Sturgeon having the visera removed and may include also having the head and tail removed.

#### B. Licenses.

The importer's license will be valid for one year from the date of issuance. The fee for the license is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) of which twenty five dollars (\$25.00) is a non-refundable application fee. The fee for renewal is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

#### C. Importer License. This license allows the holder to import legally taken Lake Sturgeon into New York.

1. The importer must arrange for and obtain a certificate of inspection.
2. The importer must attach a valid tag to the caudal flesh of each unprocessed Lake Sturgeon.
3. Processed Lake Sturgeon, to be imported, must be packed in sealed containers.
4. The sealed container must have a valid label.
5. For each shipment the importer must keep the following information on record for two years:
  - i) date of the shipment;
  - ii) total weight of the shipment;
  - iii) name, address and importer's license number;
  - iv) name, address and license number of the person in New York who is to receive the shipment;

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- v) a document containing the name and address of the person authorized to transport the shipment if other than the importer;
  - vi) a copy of a valid certificate of inspection.
6. Licensed importers must annually submit a report to the department as described in the license conditions and at any other time upon request of the department.
  7. The licensee and any person transporting Lake Sturgeon at the request of a licensee must carry a copy of the document containing the information required in paragraph 182.7(c)(5) and a valid certificate of inspection when in possession of Lake Sturgeon. In addition, a transporter must carry a letter from the licensee authorizing such transportation.
- D. The following actions are prohibited:
1. Importation or possession of Lake Sturgeon except as authorization by this section.
  2. Removal of tag from an unprocessed Lake Sturgeon by anyone other than a processor prior to processing or by a retailer at a final sale.
  3. Possessing, processing, selling, offering for sale or otherwise trafficking in Lake Sturgeon except pursuant to a license issued by the department. Such prohibitions shall not apply to purchasers, except purchasers who are processors, and all subsequent holders of Lake Sturgeon who acquire such Lake Sturgeon from a person licensed pursuant to this section.
  4. Importation into New York State of any Lake Sturgeon without a valid importation license, tag or label, certification of inspection and, if required by Section 182.7(c)(5)(v) of this Part, the document authorizing transportation.
  5. Attaching a tag to a Lake Sturgeon taken from New York waters that identifies the Lake Sturgeon as originating from waters outside of New York.
  6. Failure to comply with any other requirement of this section or any condition of an importer's or processor's license.

The following instructions correspond numerically with the numbers on the Lake Sturgeon Importer Application. When completing this application please provide sufficient detail to fully answer the questions. The answers you provide are the criteria for approving or denying your license. Incomplete or vague applications will be returned to the applicant.

1. Name of applicant.
2. If applying as a business or organization list the name of the business.
3. Mailing address and county of residence of the applicant.
4. Day and night telephone number of the applicant.
5. Date of birth of the applicant.
6. Address of premises to be licensed, if different from your residence.
7. Check the appropriate box.
8. If this application is a renewal, please fill in your previous license number.

Please read the NOTICE and sign and date on the appropriate lines provided at the bottom of the application. Send the completed application to:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Special Licenses Unit  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-4752

**Approximately 45 days are required to review and process completed applications.**