

# Fisheries Law and Regulations

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- Applications for ongrowing trout, carp, sea bass and sea bream and hatcheries for these species up to 2 million fry/year capacity submit their applications to Provincial Directorates, whilst applicants for ongrowing other species (namely new Mediterranean species, turbot, sturgeon, eel, algae, mollusks and crustacean species) and trout, carp and sea bass/sea bream hatcheries with an annual capacity of more than 2 million fry have to apply directly to the Aquaculture Department in Ankara.



- Entrepreneurs or applicants asking to be granted a license must provide the following information, along with supporting documentation for first applications:
- **An application form providing the following information:**
- Site (province, district, village, etc.).
- Name of water resource and flow rate.
- Name of fish species.
- Annual capacity farm or hatchery and production system (cage, raceways etc.).

- A map of the area (1/25 000 scale).

### **Evaluation of Application:**

- A team of staff/experts from the central or provincial office visits the site and prepares a preliminary survey report.

### **Issuing Preliminary License:**

- If the preliminary survey report is positive, permission or preliminary license is issued for a period of twelve (12) months, as long as an application letter, site map (1/25 000 scale), the preliminary survey report and a water quality report are provided.

- During this twelve (12)-month period, the entrepreneur gets approval from other related ministries and institutions depending on the nature of the project (e.g., Ministries of Environment and Urban Planning, Health, Culture and Tourism, Transport Maritime Affairs, Office of Navigation, Hydrography and oceanography, and local government). After approval by the above-mentioned authorities, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report is obtained and then the full project documentation, including a farm or hatchery design and a feasibility report, is compiled and submitted.

- According to the article 8 of Aquaculture Regulation No. 25507, after obtaining the Preliminary Licence which completes the procedures of renting/leasing and once the aquaculture facility is operational, the entrepreneur, within one (1) month, must apply for a Fish Farming Certificate approving the project.

- The Certificate includes information such as, the name of the aquaculture facility, its contact information, name of the owner/owners, project capacity, information on products, ownership status, leasing period, number and capacity of production ponds and cages, capacity of hatcheries. Then the Certificate and the Survey Report are sent to the central offices of MoFAL to be approved.