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## **How to Apply for a Grass Carp Permit In Central Florida**

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A Grass Carp Permit is required by the State of Florida, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), before Grass Carp may be introduced into any Florida waters for the purpose of controlling aquatic weed growth. Information about the pond intended to be “treated” using triploid grass carp (which are sterile, and therefore cannot reproduce) is required to be provided by the applicant to the State via the Permit Application. This may now be conveniently done through the State FWC website, as follows:

Log on to the Internet, and type:

<http://myfwc.com>

this links to a page entitled, “e-Services;”

then, in the left-hand column, under “Purchase a License,” scroll down and click on “Permits;”

this links to “Online Permits and License Applications;”

then, scroll down page to “Freshwater Fishing and Frogs,”

and click on “Freshwater Fisheries Permits;”

then, on “Fisheries Permits” page, scroll down left hand column under “Permits,”

and click on \* Triploid Grass Carp \*

This section, entitled, “Triploid Grass Carp Permit” is very similar to the 1995 Univ. Florida Bulletin 867 booklet entitled, “Grass Carp,” but it has been updated (2005) on the FWC website.

Click on the heading, “Apply (or Amend) Permit Online;”

then, on the “Triploid Grass Carp Permit” page,

click on “New Permit Request Form Click Here”

Fill out this form while online, and submit it electronically through this website to FWC. If the application is simple and meets certain criteria, the permit will be issued immediately online and the applicant will have no further contact from FWC. If more information is needed, FWC will contact the applicant. FWC may send an inspector to look at the pond and assess how many grass carp would be satisfactory, and to assure that the pond will not be overstocked. FWC will also provide information on where grass carp may be legally purchased.

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