

AQUACULTURE BIOSECURITY: STEP 3

BIOSECURITY PLAN TEMPLATE FOR LAND-BASED AQUACULTURE FARMS AND HATCHERIES



Biosecurity is a critical part of any aquatic animal health management plan and the daily operation of every land-based aquaculture farm and hatchery. These practices, procedures, and policies can help to prevent and manage disease-causing organisms and respond to outbreaks. A written biosecurity plan records and documents farm characteristics and disease prevention measures that you have in place.

- This effort helps to outline and guide you and your aquatic animal team in communicating, monitoring, and assessing disease prevention efforts used on your site.
- A written biosecurity plan can be beneficial for health inspections, audits, regulatory compliance, certification programs, marketing, and return to business after an outbreak.
- Biosecurity plans are living documents and should be reviewed annually by farm owners/managers.

THE BIOSECURITY TEMPLATE:

This biosecurity template document is designed to help you develop a site-specific, written biosecurity plan for your farm or hatchery. It provides a starting point that can be customized to fit your needs.

- The template is divided into sections aligned with the key pathogen transmission pathways common to most land-based aquaculture facilities (e.g., ponds, raceways, RAS).
- It coordinates with other resources and assessment tools (e.g., Step 1 and Step 2 documents) on the aquaculture biosecurity website.

HOW TO USE THIS TEMPLATE:

- The form can be printed and completed by hand or edited electronically.
- Answer questions or provide information specific to your business in the right-hand column.
- Skip or delete sections that are not applicable.
- Be sure to attach a labeled premises map to the end of this plan.

RESOURCES TO HELP:

- A video explaining how to use this template is available on the [aquaculture biosecurity website](#).
- Aquaculture biosecurity tip sheets and videos explaining each pathogen transmission pathway and possible biosecurity actions that can be taken for land-based aquaculture farms are also available.



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BIOSECURITY PLAN

FARM/BUSINESS INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	FARM INFORMATION
Farm Name	[Add name here]
Address	[Add street address, city, state, zip code here]
GPS coordinates	[Add GPS coordinates here]
Date of Plan*	[Add date here]
Written/reviewed by	[Add name and position]

***Biosecurity plans should be reviewed and updated annually.**

OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	OWNER INFORMATION
Owner	[Add name here]
Phone number (cell, home)	[Add phone number here]
Email Address	[Add email address here]

FARM MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	FARM MANAGER INFORMATION
Owner	[Add name here]
Phone number (cell, home)	[Add phone number here]
Email Address	[Add email address here]

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH TEAM INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH TEAM INFORMATION
Aquatic Veterinarian	[Add name and phone number here]
Fish Health Specialist	[Add name, phone number, and email address here]
Other Fish Health Professionals	[Add name, phone number, and email address here]
Diagnostic Laboratory	[Add name, phone number, and email address, and purpose (e.g., tests)]
Other Important Contacts	[Add name, phone number, and email address here]

AQUATIC ANIMAL SPECIES AND FARM BUSINESSES

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL SPECIES AND FARM BUSINESSES
Aquatic animal species raised on this farm	[List all aquatic animal species raised on the farm and the quantity of each.]
Other livestock or poultry raised on this farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list livestock species or poultry and number of animals]
Additional business ventures on this property	Mark all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fee fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Bait sales <input type="checkbox"/> Farm store <input type="checkbox"/> Produce stand <input type="checkbox"/> Egg stand <input type="checkbox"/> Farm tours <input type="checkbox"/> Feed sales <input type="checkbox"/> Fertilizer/compost sales <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)

DISEASES OF CONCERN FOR SPECIES REARED

DESCRIPTION	DISEASES OF CONCERN INFORMATION
List infectious diseases of concern	[List your top infectious diseases of concern for the species you raise on the farm.]
List non-infectious diseases of concern	[List your top non-infectious diseases of concern, including water quality and nutritional issues, for the species you raise on the farm.]
List foreign diseases of concern	[List any diseases foreign to the U.S. that are of concern for the species you raise on the farm.]

FARM ENTRANCE AND ACCESS BIOSECURITY

DESCRIPTION	FARM ENTRANCE AND ACCESS INFORMATION
Number of entrances/access points	[Add number of access points/entrances to the farm or hatchery]
Barriers used at farm entrance(s) and animal production areas	[Describe the types of barriers (e.g., fencing, gate, doorway) used at the farm entrance and production area access points]
Biosecurity signs are posted at farm access points	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [Describe wording of access point signs – for example, phone number to call for entry, a protocol for entering, etc.]
Languages used for signs	[List sign languages used (e.g., Spanish)]
Access to the farm by people is controlled or restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Access to the farm by vehicles is controlled or restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

FARM BIOSECURITY MAP

DESCRIPTION	FARM BIOSECURITY MAP INFORMATION
A farm biosecurity map is developed and included with this plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The map is labeled with the following areas	<div> <input type="checkbox"/> Farm entrance(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Any perimeter fencing (farm or production areas) <input type="checkbox"/> Main roadways <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle drive paths, including feed delivery and transport vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Animal production areas and points of entry/access points <input type="checkbox"/> Animal loading/unloading locations <input type="checkbox"/> Any biosecurity lines that are in place <input type="checkbox"/> Source water inputs <input type="checkbox"/> Water inflow locations <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment units/areas or reservoirs <input type="checkbox"/> Any nearby natural bodies of water <input type="checkbox"/> Any buildings on the farm <input type="checkbox"/> Any quarantine and isolation areas <input type="checkbox"/> Feed storage buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Dead animal disposal areas <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning and disinfection stations <input type="checkbox"/> Designated parking areas <input type="checkbox"/> Designated drive paths for vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Designated footpaths for visitors </div> <p>List any other items included on the map:</p>

Remember to attach your labeled map of your farm or hatchery to this biosecurity plan.

INCOMING AQUATIC ANIMALS

HEALTH OF INCOMING ANIMALS

DESCRIPTION	INCOMING ANIMAL INFORMATION
New animals for the farm are obtained on-site (i.e., not purchased)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
New animals for the farm are purchased or obtained from disease-free sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, the sources for new animals.]
Newly purchased animals come from the following suppliers	[List name/contact information for suppliers.]
Newly purchased animals are tested for pathogens before entering the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the testing requirements or pathogen tests conducted.]
Specific pathogen-free (SPF) animals are purchased for the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, list the pathogens for which the animals are certified.]
SPF animals come from the following suppliers	[List name/contact information for suppliers.]
Incoming animals are inspected for visible health issues upon arrival at the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Any eggs acquired are disinfected according to local, State, and Federal guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

QUARANTINE OF INCOMING ANIMALS

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL QUARANTINE INFORMATION
The farm has a quarantine area to house incoming animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The quarantine area is located away from other aquatic animal production areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of the quarantine area below and label it on the farm map.]
The quarantine area has a dedicated water system	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Any effluent from the quarantine area is handled in a manner to avoid cross-contamination to other areas of the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe how effluent from the quarantine area is handled or contained.]
Separate equipment is designated for sole use in quarantine areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Any equipment that must be shared with other areas of the farm is cleaned and disinfected before use outside the quarantine area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
New animals are quarantined immediately upon arrival at the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe how long incoming animals are quarantined.]
Any animals taken off-site and returned, such as for sales or exhibitions, are quarantined immediately upon return to the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Incoming animals are treated with approved therapeutants (e.g., freshwater, salt, formalin) in quarantine	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list therapeutants used.]
Access to the quarantine area is limited to only essential personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL QUARANTINE INFORMATION
Quarantined animals are cared for after resident stock or by different personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Quarantined animals are monitored daily by trained personnel for signs of illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Quarantined animals are tested for specific pathogens of concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list specific pathogen testing performed.]
Foot baths, handwashing stations, dedicated coveralls, and footwear/waders are provided at the entry points of the quarantine area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Mark those that are provided: <input type="checkbox"/> Foot baths <input type="checkbox"/> Handwashing stations <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated coveralls <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated footwear/waders <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)

FARM MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL FARM MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
Records of the origin of all animals on the farm are maintained	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of farm records]
Farm records on production parameters and animal health (e.g., illness, mortalities, treatments) are kept and evaluated to detect disease problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of farm records]
Animals on the farm are vaccinated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (not available) [If yes, list vaccines used. Include a vaccine schedule with this biosecurity plan.]

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL FARM MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
Employees are trained to recognize signs of illness or stress for species kept on site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select how often employees are trained.] <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Animals are monitored regularly by trained personnel for signs of disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select how often animals are observed.] <input type="checkbox"/> Twice daily <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Employees should contact the following individual(s) when signs of stress or illness are noticed in farm stock	[List the person(s) to contact when stress or illness is noticed.]
The farm has an isolation area for animals showing signs of illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The isolation area is located away from other aquatic animal production areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of the isolation area below and label it on the farm map.]
The isolation area has a dedicated water system	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Any effluent from the isolation area is handled in a manner to avoid cross-contamination to other areas of the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe how effluent from the isolation area is handled or contained.]
Separate equipment is designated for sole use in the isolation area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL FARM MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
Any equipment that must be shared with other areas of the farm is cleaned and disinfected before use outside the isolation area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Sick animals are removed promptly and placed in an isolation area using biosecure processes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the protocol used to remove and transport sick animals to the isolation area, or attach the specific protocol to the end of this plan.]
Signs are posted informing personnel of containment units with disease or that are undergoing treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the protocol used to inform personnel of units with ill animals, or attach the specific protocol to the end of this plan.]
Sick animals are tested/necropsied to determine the cause of death	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A farm disposal area is located away from aquatic animal production areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of the disposal area below and label it on the farm map.]
Disposal methods used on the farm include	[Describe the method of disposal used on the farm.] <input type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Incineration <input type="checkbox"/> Composting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Dead animals are removed promptly from production areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the protocol used to remove dead animals from production areas, or attach the specific protocol used at the end of this plan.]

DESCRIPTION	AQUATIC ANIMAL FARM MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
Dead animals are disposed of in a biosecure manner (e.g., preventing cross-contamination to other areas of the farm)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the protocol to transport dead animals to the disposal area, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Dead animals are necropsied to determine the cause of death	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Disposal areas are managed (e.g., covers, barriers, deterrents) to prevent or deter access by wildlife, wild birds, and pets	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe disposal management protocols used to prevent vector access, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Animal waste products (e.g., feces, uneaten feed) are removed regularly to prevent disease spread	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the waste management protocol used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Any equipment used to handle animal waste products is cleaned and disinfected before use elsewhere on the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the cleaning and disinfection protocol (and disinfectant product) used for animal waste handling equipment, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Wastewater, transport water, containers, and associated equipment associated with sick or dead animals are handled in a manner that avoids cross-contamination with other production areas or units.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the handling and/or cleaning and disinfection protocol used for wastewater, transport water, and associated equipment, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]

SOURCE WATER

WATER SOURCES

DESCRIPTION	SOURCE WATER INFORMATION
The farm water supply is obtained from:	(Mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water sources (e.g., rivers, streams, lakes, surface runoff) <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater (e.g., springs, wells, aquifers) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal water sources [Describe the specific water sources the farm uses.]
Inflow pipes are screened and maintained to prevent the introduction of wild stock	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the protocol used to maintain inflow pipes, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Groundwater is held in a reservoir/settling pond before use in production areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [List the location of the settling ponds or reservoirs below and label them on the farm map.]
Settling ponds and reservoirs are cleaned periodically	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, select the option for how often settling ponds and reservoirs are cleaned.] <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Water aeration is used to improve water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the methods used to provide water aeration.]

DESCRIPTION	SOURCE WATER INFORMATION
Filtration systems are used to remove suspended solids and organic matter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (Mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical filtration <input type="checkbox"/> Biological filtration [If yes, describe the protocol used to maintain the filtration system or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Water sources are disinfected/sterilized before use	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable If yes, select the method used below (mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Ozone <input type="checkbox"/> Ultraviolet light <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe) [For water disinfection methods used on the farm, list the dose, duration, concentration, and scheduled monitoring and maintenance schedule, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Chemically treated water (e.g., municipal source) is neutralized before use	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, what method is used (mark all that apply)] <input type="checkbox"/> Sodium thiosulfate <input type="checkbox"/> Allow to sit and inactivate before use <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Measures to minimize water aerosol risks are in place	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the procedures used to minimize water aerosols and splashes.]

WATER QUALITY

DESCRIPTION	WATER QUALITY INFORMATION
Records are kept on water quality parameters	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of water quality records]
Water quality parameters tested on the farm include:	(Mark all that apply, and list the optimal target ranges for each.) <input type="checkbox"/> pH <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolved oxygen <input type="checkbox"/> Alkalinity <input type="checkbox"/> Chlorine and chloride <input type="checkbox"/> Chloride <input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia <input type="checkbox"/> Nitrite <input type="checkbox"/> Nitrate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Optimal ranges for water quality parameters have been determined	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list optimal ranges in the box above.]
Water quality parameters are tested and reviewed regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select the frequency of testing.] <input type="checkbox"/> Twice daily <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Procedures to address water quality issues (e.g., who to contact or what to do when parameters are out of optimal range) have been determined	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For intensive systems, regular water exchanges are used to optimize water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the protocol, including the volume/amount or percentage, and frequency for water exchanges.]

TRANSPORT WATER

DESCRIPTION	TRANSPORT WATER INFORMATION
Vehicles and equipment are cleaned and disinfected <u>before</u> aquatic animal transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the disinfectant product and concentration used]
All vehicles and equipment are cleaned and disinfected <u>after</u> aquatic animal transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the disinfectant product and concentration used]
Water and debris (including bilge water) are removed before cleaning and disinfection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The farm uses dedicated vehicles and equipment for transport purposes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pathogen-free water sources or disinfected water are used for transport purposes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the water source used. If water is disinfected, list the method, dose, duration, concentration, and neutralization (if applicable) used.]
Portable filtration units are used during transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Temperature control devices are used during transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the optimal temperature range.]
Aeration or oxygenation units are used during transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Water quality parameters are monitored during transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list parameters monitored and optimal ranges for each.]

FOMITES: VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

LIMIT AND CONTROL VEHICLE ACCESS

DESCRIPTION	FOMITE (VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT) INFORMATION
Vehicle entry (including watercraft) onto the farm, particularly animal production areas, is limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Records are kept for any vehicles entering the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of vehicle entry records.]
Drive paths away from animal production areas have been designated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Signs informing vehicles of designated drive paths are posted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

VEHICLES

DESCRIPTION	VEHICLE BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Vehicles are shared with other operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If vehicles are shared, they are cleaned and disinfected before entering the property	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, list the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
List the individual in charge of monitoring the vehicle cleaning and disinfection protocols for the farm	[List the name and contact information for the responsible person.]
Vehicle wash stations are located on the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of the vehicle wash station and label it on the farm map.]

DESCRIPTION	VEHICLE BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Vehicle wash stations are located away from animal production areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Vehicle wash stations are monitored to ensure supplies needed (e.g., water, detergent, disinfectant) are available at all times	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select the frequency of monitoring.] <input type="checkbox"/> Twice daily <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
Hauling tanks are cleaned, disinfected, and thoroughly dried between uses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]

AQUACULTURE FACILITIES

DESCRIPTION	AQUACULTURE FACILITIES BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Animal waste products (e.g., feces, uneaten feed) are removed regularly to prevent disease spread	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the waste management protocol used, including where the material should be disposed of, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Tank covers, barriers, or distancing between production units are used to minimize aerosol transmission	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select options used.] <input type="checkbox"/> Tank covers <input type="checkbox"/> Barriers between tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Distancing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)

DESCRIPTION	AQUACULTURE FACILITIES BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Production units are cleaned, disinfected, and thoroughly dried between lots/units of animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
All tank parts (e.g., inflow and outflow pipes, aerators, spray bars, etc.) are cleaned and disinfected between lots/units of animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan]
Piping systems are periodically cleaned	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the protocol, including cleaning products used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
The use of porous materials and surfaces (e.g., wood, concrete) is avoided as much as possible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If porous materials must be used, they are painted or sealed before use	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EQUIPMENT

DESCRIPTION	AQUACULTURE FACILITIES BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Any equipment in contact with aquatic animals is cleaned and disinfected before use elsewhere on the farm or with different groups of animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan]

DESCRIPTION	AQUACULTURE FACILITIES BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Equipment (e.g., nets, hoses) used in animal areas is kept off the floor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dip tanks are placed in convenient locations throughout animal areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dip tank solutions are prepared appropriately	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the disinfectant product and concentration used.]
Dip tank solutions are changed regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the frequency of solution changes, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Dedicated equipment is assigned to or used within a specific production unit or area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Filter beds or mechanical filters are backwashed frequently to reduce buildup or pathogen introduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the frequency of backwashing.]

FOOTWEAR (E.G., BOOTS, WADERS)

DESCRIPTION	FOOTWEAR BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Footwear cleaning locations are placed near the entry/exit points of animal areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Footwear is cleaned and disinfected before and after leaving animal areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]

DESCRIPTION	FOOTWEAR BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Footbath solutions are prepared appropriately	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the disinfectant product and concentration used.]
Footbath solutions are maintained appropriately (e.g., changed daily or when visibly soiled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the frequency of solution changes, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Footbath solutions are kept out of the sunlight to avoid deactivation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Employees have been trained on appropriate/effective footbath use (e.g., remove debris, ensure full contact time with solution)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

DESCRIPTION	DISINFECTION USE AND PROTOCOLS
Disinfectant products are regularly used on the farm/ranch	[List products, dilutions, and contact times used here.]
A cleaning and disinfection protocol has been developed for vehicles entering or used on the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A cleaning and disinfection protocol has been developed for equipment entering or used on the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION	DISINFECTION USE AND PROTOCOLS
A cleaning and disinfection protocol has been developed for production units or areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A cleaning and disinfection log is maintained for all areas of the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Objects/equipment are thoroughly cleaned (visible debris removed) before disinfectant is applied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Disinfectants are used according to the product label (mixing, concentration, rinsing, storage, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Disinfectants are allowed to “sit” and work for the proper contact time	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Rinsing or neutralization (e.g., chlorine products) of disinfectant products is performed when applicable (e.g., according to the product label)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
All disinfectant runoff is kept away from animal areas, drinking water, waterways, and other sensitive areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Disinfected items are allowed to completely dry before reuse or use at different locations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
SAFETY: All disinfectant product labels are read by personnel preparing solutions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
SAFETY: All personnel using disinfectant products wear protective gear as recommended by the product label (e.g., goggles, masks, gloves)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

FEED

GENERAL FEED BIOSECURITY (ALL TYPES OF FEED)

DESCRIPTION	FARM FEED INFORMATION
All feed is obtained from reputable suppliers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List all feed suppliers.]
Records are kept for all feed used on the farm (e.g., source, date received, lot numbers, expiration dates, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location where records are kept.]
All feed is stored according to manufacturer or supplier recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [List the location of feed storage areas and label them on your farm map.]
Any equipment used to handle or move feed is cleaned and disinfected before use or dedicated solely for feed use only	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Feed delivery equipment is periodically cleaned to reduce buildup	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the frequency and process for delivery equipment cleaning, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Employees wash their hands before and after handling feed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

LIVE OR AQUATIC ANIMAL-BASED FEEDS

DESCRIPTION	LIVE FEED BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Live feed sources are obtained from vendors with biosecurity measures at their facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [List any vendor names and contact information.]
Live feed sources are tested (when applicable) and confirmed free from pathogens of concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Frozen or semi-processed feed is purchased as fresh as possible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Frozen or semi-processed feed is stored properly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe where and how feed is stored, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Live feed culture containers are regularly disinfected	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the disinfection protocol, including disinfectant product and concentration used, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]

PROCESSED FEEDS

DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED FEEDS BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Processed feeds are stored according to manufacturer recommendations (e.g., cool, dry place, sealed containers)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe where and how feed is stored, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]

DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED FEEDS BIOSECURITY INFORMATION
Processed feeds are used before the expiration date	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Processed feeds are checked often for mold, deterioration, or contamination	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe the frequency that feed is checked.]
Feed is kept in a manner that prevents access by vermin or pests (e.g., rodents, birds, insects)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe measures used to prevent access, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Any feed spilled in storage areas or around production areas is cleaned up immediately	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

VECTORS: PEOPLE ON THE FARM

CONTROL, LIMIT, OR RESTRICT ACCESS TO ANIMAL AREA

DESCRIPTION	BIOSECURITY FOR VISITORS ON THE FARM
Are visitors allowed on the farm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The number of entry points to the farm for visitors is limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
A designated parking area away from animal areas is provided for visitors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, mark the location on your farm map.]
Visitors are required to check in with farm personnel upon arrival	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Records are kept for any visitors entering the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, list the location of the farm visitor log sheet.]
Areas off-limits to visitors are clearly marked with signs, fencing, or other indicators	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, list any farm areas that are off-limits to visitors.]
Signs posted are provided in languages understood by those visiting the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

PEOPLE ALLOWED ACCESS TO ANIMAL AREAS

DESCRIPTION	BIOSECURITY FOR PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO ANIMALS
The farm has a designated biosecurity manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the biosecurity manager's name and contact information.]
Animal contact is limited to animal caretakers/employees	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION	BIOSECURITY FOR PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO ANIMALS
Anyone handling animals is required to wear clean clothing and footwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Footbaths or farm-dedicated footwear are provided for employees or people accessing animal areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Anyone handling animals washes their hands before and after access	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Hand washing stations are available for those accessing animal areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Signs encouraging hand washing before and after access to animal areas are posted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Employees are trained on the farm biosecurity plan and procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select the option for how often employees are trained.] <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here) [Keep an employee training record with this biosecurity plan.]
Employees understand their responsibility for implementing the biosecurity plan, including monitoring, questioning, or preventing visitor entrance to the farm or animal areas when needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Employees manage production units so that the most susceptible classes (e.g., larvae, then juveniles, then broodstock) are cared for first	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Employees care for animals in quarantine or isolation last (i.e., after all other farm stock)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

VECTORS: WILDLIFE, PESTS, AND OTHER ANIMALS

DESCRIPTION	ANIMAL VECTOR INFORMATION
Potential vectors for the farm and geographical area include:	[List potential vectors to aquatic animals on your farm.]
Vector activity is monitored in feed or production areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, select the option for how monitoring is done.] <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe here)
The farm has a vector management and control plan to manage predators, scavengers, and pest species, such as rodents and birds.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the vector control plan, attach any protocols at the end of this plan.]
The plan includes integrated pest management (IPM) procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe the IPM plan or procedures used, attach any protocols at the end of this plan.]
Barriers are installed to prevent entry and access by wild animals and birds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (Mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Netting <input type="checkbox"/> Fences <input type="checkbox"/> Shade cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater screens <input type="checkbox"/> Other barriers used:
Barriers are maintained and kept in good repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION	ANIMAL VECTOR INFORMATION
Bird and rodent nesting are prevented by:	[List preventive measures like screens, bird spikes, etc.]
Outdoor containment units are periodically cleaned to reduce potential vectors (e.g., amphibians, aquatic reptiles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, select the option for how monitoring is done.] <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Parasite control measures are used on the farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable [If yes, describe parasite control measures used on the farm, or attach the protocol to the end of this plan.]
Feed is kept in secure, enclosed areas or containers to prevent access by wild animals and birds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Trash is removed frequently to reduce the attraction of wildlife vectors:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, describe how often trash is removed.]
Rodent/pest bait use is performed by farm personnel, according to label directions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list bait products used.]
The farm uses a pest control company to manage vectors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the company or individual's name and contact information.]

DESCRIPTION	ANIMAL VECTOR INFORMATION
The farm works with a USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, county extension agents, and/or state agencies to determine best practices for vector or predator control	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, list the office or contact name, email, and phone number.]
Dogs, cats, and other domestic animals are prevented from entering aquatic animal production areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

ADDITIONAL FARM BIOSECURITY INFORMATION

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Remember to attach your labeled map of your farm or hatchery to this biosecurity plan.