

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 50. AQUACULTURE

- (A) **PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**
The proposed rule amendments modify and increase fees for certain licenses and decals to reflect statutory requirements and the increased cost of labor and supplies required to manage the Aquaculture program and modify certain licensing requirements.
- (B) **CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:**
The proposed rules affect persons regulated by the Department's Aquaculture programs. No cost impacts have been received to date.
- (C) **PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:**
Persons who rely on the Department's Aquaculture program will benefit from the proposed rules. Taxpayers will benefit from the rules as the cost of the Aquaculture program will be borne by the person or entity requesting services or supplies rather than funds appropriated to the Department by the Legislature. Persons relying on aquaculture or aquaculture products free of disease will benefit from the continuing administration of Departments' Aquaculture program.
- (D) **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:**
Persons participating in the Aquaculture program will pay modified and modestly increased fees.
- (E) **PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**
The increased fees will defray the actual cost of managing the Aquaculture program currently borne by the Department.
- (F) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:**
No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the proposed rules.
- (G) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**

The fee increases are modest and are not anticipated to have a significant impact on persons participating in the Aquaculture program.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The Department is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The proposed rules will not affect the public health, safety, and environment.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The Department is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(K) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on November 21, 2022.