What are Illinois Aquaculture Policies, and are any Permits/Licenses needed to start an aquaculture operation?

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has oversight over all aquaculture activities in the state of Illinois. Information about IDNR regulations can be found at: http://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/aquaculture.html

- 1. Approved Aquatic Species List can be found at: http://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/aquaculture/aquatic approved species.pdf
- 2. Injurious Species List can be found at: http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/017/017008050000200R.html
- 3. Illinois VHS regulations are detailed in 17 ILL. ADM. CODE CH. I, SEC. 875 http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/adrules/documents/17-875.pdf

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