INSPECTION PROGRAM

Standards for Collection of Fees

- Effective January 1, 2005 the established standard fee for the inspection services will be thirty-four cents ($0.34) per fish shipped plus travel costs. Travel costs include mileage round trip to the site at thirty-seven and a half cents per mile ($0.375/mile), airfare, lodging, per diem, and miscellaneous expenses incurred at the standard government rate.

- A check for the appropriate amount will be written, and made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Check information will include the following: the Producer or Company's name, address, and phone number; the Producer representative's signature; the date; reference to transaction receipt for a specified number of fish.

- If no Certificate can be issued by the Inspector (Examples: failed inspection, no diploid controls, Coulter Counter malfunctions, etc.) a fee plus (travel costs) will be collected by the USFWS Inspector, from the Triploid Grass Carp Producer, to defray the trip cost. Fees will occur in two ways—the first is called a Type-A Failure (a true failure)—observance of a diploid during the inspection process. The second is called a Type-B Failure—caused by non-functional equipment or other producer non-compliance with the inspection process.

- The fee for failures will accelerate and is based on a pattern of non-compliance during a single calendar year (Jan 01 through Dec 31). The fee structure and associated actions will be administered according to the following guidance:
  - Type-A (true failure):
    - $100 for first failure plus travel costs.
    - $200 for the second failure plus travel costs.
    - $300 for the third failure plus travel costs and a letter of concern from the Inspector.
    - $400 for the fourth failure plus travel costs and a letter of concern from the Inspector.
    - $500 for the fifth and other failures plus travel costs and Official Notice Letter for consideration as non-participant in the Triploid Grass Carp Inspection Program.
Type-B (equipment or other non-compliance failure):

- ---$100 for first failure plus travel costs.
- ---$200 for the second failure plus travel costs.
- ---$300 for the third failure plus travel costs.
- ---$400 for the fourth failure plus travel costs.
- ---$500 for the fifth and higher plus travel costs.

If the USFWS Inspector makes an Inspection/Certification trip, and for some unusual reason the work results in the Certification of less than 1500-fish, then the fee to be collected by the USFWS Inspector will be $50.00, or the number of fish shipped x ($0.34) (whichever is the greater amount) plus travel costs.

- Fees collected for Certification will be held for 7 days and then be deposited into separate Regional accounts as established by USFWS Washington Office and the Denver Finance Center.
- The USFWS Inspector will retain the Producer's check for 7-days to allow for adjustments of any purchase order cancellation. A canceled order qualifies that same number of certified triploid grass carp, to be available for another sale and shipment within the original "4-working day period."
- The USFWS Inspector will not credit accounts for Dead-on-Arrival fish. The Grass Carp Producer must assume the burden for safe shipping of the triploid grass carp.
- The USFWS desires to retain a standardized statistically valid 120-fish sampling protocol. However, should a State or fishery program absolutely require that the number of fish to be sampled by increased (above the standard 120-fish sample), the fee for Inspection services will increase from thirty-four cents ($0.34) to one dollar ($1.00) per fish shipped plus travel costs.