



## General Permit: Dead red swamp crayfish

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
Division of Ecological and Water Resources  
500 Lafayette Road, Box 25, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

### Activities covered by this permit

- You may import, purchase, and possess dead (frozen and/or pre-cooked) red swamp crayfish (*Procambarus clarkii*) for disposal. This permit is only valid in the State of Minnesota.

### How to use this permit

- The person responsible for activities under the permit must be at least 18 years of age.
- Read the permit conditions below and ensure that you can comply with those conditions.
- Completely fill out this permit, sign it, and email it to [prohibited.crayfish.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:prohibited.crayfish.dnr@state.mn.us).
- Have a copy of the signed permit available while in possession of the dead crayfish.
- Questions? Call the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources at 651-259-5100.

### Complete and sign this section

Name of person responsible for activities under this permit:

Date of birth (to verify that permittee is at least 18 years of age):

Name of organization (or "Private Residence"):

Address(es) where crayfish will be located:

Phone:

Date(s) of crawfish boil(s):

Permittee signature (typed name of permittee): /s/

Date signed:

### Permit conditions

The activities covered under this permit must follow these permit conditions to avoid posing an unreasonable risk of harm to natural resources or their use in the state. Ensuring that the crayfish are dead upon arrival to the state and that they are ultimately boiled is critical to meet the standard in Minnesota Statutes, section 84D.11, subd. 3. Boiling is important to help prevent potential spread of pathogens.

#### Possession

- Any red swamp crayfish imported or in your possession must be dead: frozen and/or pre-cooked. The permittee must inspect their shipments to ensure that all crayfish are dead upon arrival at the holding facility. The crayfish must ultimately be boiled (whether that be prior to purchase, serving or disposal).
- The permittee shall take all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to other waters during the activities authorized by this permit.

#### Disposal

- All red swamp crawfish will be held in sealed containers or bags.
- Any red swamp crawfish not consumed for the event shall be boiled in a pot (whether that be prior to purchase, serving or disposal) and disposed of in sealed garbage bags.

**Inspections**

- Have a copy of the signed permit available while in possession of the dead crayfish.
- Facilities identified on this permit are subject to inspection at any reasonable time by the Commissioner of Natural Resources or a designated employee.

**Dates valid**

- This permit is valid for 14 calendar days after the last date listed above in “Date(s) of crawfish boil.”

**Signature**

- The person responsible for activities under this permit must sign and date this permit.

**Revocation**

- Permits issued under this part may be revoked by the commissioner if the permittee does not comply with the conditions of this permit or Minnesota Rules, parts 6216.0100 to 6216.0600, or if revocation is necessary to protect the interest of the public, to protect native plant and animal populations in the state, or to otherwise protect the state’s natural resources.

**Transferability**

- This permit is not transferable.

**Disclaimer of Liability**

- No liability is assumed by the State or any of its officers, agents, or employees by issuing a prohibited or regulated invasive species permit, or by any acts or operations of the permittee, or any prohibited or regulated invasive species in possession of the permittee.