

The Arunachal Pradesh Gazette

EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

No. 94, Vol. XXV, Naharlagun, Friday, March 16, 2018, Phalguna 25, 1939 (Saka)

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES ITANAGAR

ORDER

The 5th February, 2018

No. FISH/DEV/E&M-02/2017-18.—In compliance with the order of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare No. 31035/4/07-FY-3 dated 30th November, 2010 and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) No. NFDB/FSC and AS/2017-18/1439 dated 6th November, 2017 regarding implementation of Fish Seed Certification and Accreditation (FSCA) system, there is an Immediate need for regulations for seed certification and accreditation of seed production centers in the state for healthy growth of this sector.

In tune with recent thrust on aquaculture development, quality fish seed is a critical input which will revolutionize aquaculture and enhance Production and productivity of table fish. In order to ensure its quality and easy accessibility a State level Empowered Accreditation Body/Agency is constituted with the following members to undertake certification and accreditation of the hatcheries and seed production units (**Fish seed farms, Fish seed rearing Units**) irrespective of public and private sector who undertake or are involve in breeding and rearing related practices of fish seed in the State.

1.	Director of Fisheries	_	Chairman
2.	Deputy Director of Fisheries, Directorate of Fisheries, Itanagar	_	Member
3.	Expert from College of Fisheries, AAU, Raha, Assam	_	Member
4.	Representative from Fisheries and Aquatic Ecology Laboratory Department of Zoology, RGU, Doimukh.	_	Member
5.	Representative from KVK	_	Member
6.	Progressive fish farmer from the State	_	Member
7.	Assistant Director of Fisheries Planning Development and EM Directorate of Fisheries, Itanagar.	_	Member Secretary

The above empowered Body shall ensure quality of seed and its sustainability and also ascertain that the hatcheries use brood stock, breeding and husbandry practices as per scientific norms/conforming the benchmarks prescribed in the guideline for granting certificate of Accreditation.

In addition to above the State level Accreditation body/Agency shall also ensure ;-

- (a) The operation of hatchery accreditation programme, across the state including identification of the challenges in its implementation and laying appropriate procedures to overcome these challenges.
- (b) To develop necessary infrastructure facilities, manpower and financial resources to undertake accreditation programme.
- (c) To authorize certifying agencies/individuals for undertaking evaluation and reporting for accreditation of hatcheries and seed farms.
- (d) To take up the issues pertaining to legal problems that may crop up during implementation of seed certification.
- (e) To recommend modifications in standards and procedures for accreditation and certification process, from time to time, if needed.
- (f) To undertake promotional activities to build/generate awareness on the need for using of seed and brood stock from accredited hatcheries/seed farms.

- (g) To prepare detailed manuals on brood stock selection and maintenance, seed production practice and testing procedures through expert groups. (These shall also be distributed to all production units in the fish seed industry for compliance).
- (h) Any other issues that arises from time to time.
- (i) Liaise with the ICAR or any specialist institute(s) for appropriate technical backstopping in developing norms for certification and accreditation.

This has approval of the competent authority.

Dr. M. Surya Prakash, IFS Commissioner (Fisheries), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.