

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION  
FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH INSPECTOR  
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY/FISH HEALTH SECTION

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FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE USE

Recommendation from:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's supervisor/employer                    / /  
Aquatic animal health professional                / /  
Certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspector       / /

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Applicant's name and address:

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Recommender's name, address, phone number, and E-mail:

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Recommender's occupation, position, employer, and years in occupation:

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Recommender is / / is not / / applicant's supervisor / / employer / /

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INFORMATION FOR RECOMMENDERS

The AFS/FHS certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspector is an individual who, through a regimen of appropriate training and experience, has developed the skills and knowledge necessary to examine populations of aquatic animals for the presence or absence of those specific pathogens regulated by domestic and foreign agencies. This individual can recognize signs of clinical and chronic infection involving specific pathogens and remains up-to-date on methods for detecting these pathogens among apparently healthy animals. These technical skills in concert with high ethical standards allow the Aquatic Animal Health Inspector to provide current, accurate information regarding inspection of aquatic animal populations which can be used for the improved management of the fishery resource.

You, as one recommending an applicant for certification, are asked to address five items on the applicant's behalf as shown below. It is understood that you may not have direct knowledge of the applicant's entire professional career. With this in mind, please answer these questions to the best of your knowledge, being as specific and complete as possible. If additional space is required please use additional pages referencing these according to the question being answered.



3. Please check the boxes below to indicate those **disciplines in which the applicant has developed technical proficiency** commensurate with those procedures referenced in No. 2.

/  bacteriology       /  virology       /  parasitology       /  molecular biology

4. Does the applicant have direct **access to equipment and laboratory facilities** necessary to conduct those procedures referenced in No.2?

/  yes       /  no

If direct access to laboratory facilities is not available, are service laboratory facilities, with appropriate quality assurance, available for analysis of inspection samples?

/  yes       /  no

5. **Professional ethics:** Can you cite any situation where the applicant acted unethically in conducting his/her professional duties?

/  no       /  yes    If so, explain.

6. **Summary recommendation:** Please enter a brief statement describing your view of the applicant's suitability for certification as an Aquatic Animal Health Inspector in relation to the intent of this program as expressed under "Information for Recommenders" on Page 1.

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Signature of Recommender

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Date

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