

Specifications
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA)
for a One (1) Year Contract with No Option to Renew
for Purchase and Delivery of “Pure” Channel Catfish
to Bill Dance Signature Lakes (BDSL)
Event 32801-13967

A. Specifications

1. These specifications request a contract for the purchase and delivery of live “pure” channel catfish, no hybrids.
2. Fish shall be delivered to each of the lakes (noted below) within TWRA’s Regions 1, 2, and 3.
3. See the Appendix for a map of TWRA’s regions.
4. Requests for delivery of fish shall be made two (2) times per year during the months of October 2026 and April 2027.
5. Bids shall be based on a delivered price per pound for catfish meeting the following specifications below.
6. Bidders shall submit separate bids for each region. The lowest bid price for each region shall be awarded.
7. At least fifty percent (50%), by weight, of the delivered catfish shall be produced by the contracted vendor.
8. A total of twenty-three thousand five hundred (23,500) pounds of catfish shall be delivered during the one-year term of the contract. However, no purchase amount shall be guaranteed due to potential budgetary restraints.
 - Region 1 – 15,500 pounds total split equally between 2 stockings
 - Region 2 – 1,000 pounds total split equally between 2 stockings
 - Region 3 – 7,000 pounds total split equally between 2 stockings
9. Deliveries shall be during the months of October 2026 and April 2027.
10. Channel catfish shall have an average weight of three-quarters (0.75) to one and a half (1.5) pounds each, with the maximum acceptable variance outside this weight range being no more than ten (10) percent.
11. Prior to off-loading/stocking, fish shall be made available to TWRA for inspection.
12. TWRA shall evaluate the quality and weight of the fish being delivered and check for the presence of non-target fish species.
13. Non-Target species shall not be included with the delivery of live channel catfish. If non-target species are found, the entire load shall be denied by TWRA, and the amount/poundage shall be replaced, or the entire amount (\$) shall be deducted.
14. Channel catfish shall be healthy and disease free, with no external lesions or sores. TWRA shall not pay for dead or diseased fish. For any dead/sick fish, the amount/poundage shall be replaced or that amount (\$) shall be deducted.

15. Fish shall be tempered. There shall be no more than six (6) degrees difference between the tank and receiving water. The temperature shall be gradually adjusted to no more than one (1) degree every two (2) minutes.

B. Delivery

1. Ship F.O.B. Destination.
2. All delivery charges shall be included in prices bid.
3. Delivery dates and times shall be established by mutual agreement between the contractor and the TWRA Regional Personnel once a purchase order is issued to the contractor.
4. Deliveries to designated locations are acceptable Monday-Saturday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, (local time zone), and upon agreement by both parties.
5. Contractor shall notify TWRA three (3) business days in advance of expected delivery.
6. Fish shall be ready for delivery within fourteen (14) days of purchase order receipt by the contractor. Delivery shall occur within thirty (30) days of purchase order receipt by the contractor.
7. Hauling tanks shall be adequate for the load/poundage and have oxygen and aerators (agitation) available for transport.
8. TWRA shall not pay for dead or sick fish.
9. Deliveries shall be direct stockings to each waterbody and at locations specified by TWRA.
10. The contractor shall be responsible for delivering and off-loading the live channel catfish to the specified regions with the appropriate nets, tubes/pipes, etc.
11. Bidding shall be made for delivery of live channel catfish to all four TWRA regions. See the map below.
12. Two (2) deliveries per lake, one stocking in October 2026 and one stocking in April 2027 shall be requested.

- a. TWRA Region 1: Nathan Warden 615-917-5281

Henderson County: A total of 1,700 Channel Catfish
Brown's Creek Lake @ Natchez Trace State Park
24845 Natchez Trace Road
Wildersville, TN 38351
35.727343, -88.292464
April stocking 850 Channel Catfish
October stocking 850 Channel Catfish

Henderson County: A total of 4,200 Channel Catfish
Pin Oak Lake @ Natchez Trace State Park
24845 Natchez Trace Road
Wildersville, TN 38351
35.686339, -88.283391
April stocking 2,100 Channel Catfish

October stocking 2,100 Channel Catfish

Carroll County: A total of 6,000 Channel Catfish
Lake Halford (Carroll County 1000 Acre Lake)
405 Boyd's Landing Road
Huntingdon, TN 38344
35.934067, -88.463681
April stocking 3,000 Channel Catfish
October stocking 3,000 Channel Catfish

Fayette County: A total of 3,600 Channel Catfish
Herb Parsons Lake
140 Herb Parsons Way
Collierville, TN 38017
35.1357186, -89.6251630
April stocking 1,800 Channel Catfish
October stocking 1,800 Channel Catfish

b. TWRA Region 2: Chris Cole 615-981-9317

Dickson County: A total of 1,000 Channel Catfish
Acorn Lake @ Montgomery Bell State Park
1020 Jackson Hill Road
Burns, TN 37029
36.1003705, -87.2728690
April stocking 500 Channel Catfish
October stocking 500 Channel Catfish

c. TWRA Region 3: Contact: Will Collier 931-242-4256

Van Buren County: A total of 7,000 Channel Catfish
Fall Creek Falls Lake @ Fall Creek Falls State Park
2009 Village Camp Road
Spencer, TN 38585
35.661413, -85.359261
April stocking 3,500 Channel Catfish
October stocking 3,500 Channel Catfish

APPENDIX

TWRA Regions Map

