

STATE OF OHIO

Department of Agriculture

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Reynoldsburg

PROCLAMATION

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has determined that Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) as identified in Ohio and other states may significantly endanger the health of various species of fish in Ohio; and

VHS has been designated for purposes of Chapter 941 and for Section 941.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code as a dangerously contagious or infectious disease; and

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (USDA/APHIS) have embargoed Ohio and other Great Lakes states and prohibited the movement of live VHS susceptible fish (See Exhibit A for a listing) from these states unless the VHS susceptible fish have received the required VHS testing; and

The Ohio Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry Division has determined that a ban on the intrastate distribution of VHS susceptible live fish species or eggs, except for channel catfish, from any area in Ohio north of a line that follows US Hwy 6 from Indiana border to the intersection of US Hwy 6 and Interstate 90 near Fremont and from any area in Ohio north of Interstate 90 from this intersection to the Pennsylvania Border and from the Sandusky River as far upstream as the Ballville Dam located on the Sandusky River just south of Fremont, to any area south of the above described boundary (See Exhibit B – Map of Prohibited Movement) is also necessary because of the potential that VHS may endanger the health of various species of fish in areas south of said line.

Therefore, as Director of Agriculture for the State of Ohio, I do hereby prohibit, until further notice, the transportation or offering for transportation in intrastate commerce, or any other distribution, of any live VHS susceptible fish species or their live eggs, except for channel catfish, from any area in Ohio north of a line that follows US Hwy 6 from Indiana border to the intersection of US Hwy 6 and Interstate 90 near Fremont and from any area in Ohio north of

Interstate 90 from this intersection to the Pennsylvania Border and from the Sandusky River as far upstream as the Ballville Dam located on the Sandusky River just south of Fremont, to any area south of the above described boundary unless:

1. The live fish or live fish eggs have been removed directly from VHS tested negative production facilities; or
2. The live fish or live fish eggs are being transported for use by research scientists in closed research facilities with treated effluent, or diagnostic laboratories.

The Proclamation shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. (0001) on this 27th day of April, 2007, and shall be effective for a period of not more than one year from this date.

I revoke any Proclamations that are inconsistent with this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Ohio Department of Agriculture to be affixed at Reynoldsburg, Ohio; this 27th day of April, in the year Two Thousand Seven.



Robert J. Boggs, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture

ATTEST:



EXHIBIT A

(37 VHS Susceptible Fish)

Atlantic cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>
Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
Bluntnose minnow	<i>Pimephales notatus</i>
Brown bullhead	<i>Ictalurus nebulosus</i>
Brown trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>
Burbot	<i>Lota lota</i>
Channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>
Chinook salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>
Coho salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>
Chum salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>
Emerald shiner	<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>
Freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>
Gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>
Grayling	<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>
Haddock	<i>Gadus aeglefinus</i>
Herring	<i>Clupea spp</i>
Japanese flounder	<i>Paralichthys olivaceus</i>
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
Muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>
Pacific cod	<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>
Pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>
Pink salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>
Rainbow trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
Redhorse sucker	<i>Moxostoma spp</i>
Rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>
Rockling	<i>Onos mustelus</i>
Round goby	<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i>
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
Sprat	<i>Sprattus spp</i>
Turbot	<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>
Walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>
White bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>
White perch	<i>Morone Americana</i>
Whitefish	<i>Coregonus spp</i>
Yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>