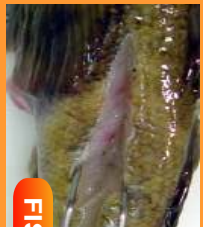


# WISCONSIN WILDCARDS



FISH HEALTH



# VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC SEPTICEMIA

## WHAT IS IT?

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus is a serious fish disease that has recently been discovered in Wisconsin. Although the VHS virus affects a variety of fish species, it is not a health risk for people so anglers can continue to enjoy fishing and eating their catch.

## CAN YOU HELP STOP THE SPREAD?

Yes. Anglers and boaters on Wisconsin's waters should:

- DRAIN all water from boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and fishing equipment including bait buckets and coolers before leaving the lake or shoreline.
- TAKE NO LIVE FISH or fish eggs, including bait minnows, from these waters. Ice your catch and dispose of your minnows in covered waste barrels.
- INSPECT and REMOVE all aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your boat, trailer, and equipment before leaving the landing.
- REPORT large numbers of dead or dying fish to the DNR Tipline at 1-800-TIP-WNDR (847-9367)

For more information on the VHS virus, visit:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/pages/vhs.html>

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