

Notice
VHS-Susceptible Species of Fish
2009

Effective January 1, 2009, the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has adopted new regulations that address the sale, introduction and transportation of fish susceptible to Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), known as VHS-susceptible species of fish, from VHS-affected or at risk states or regions. These new regulations may be found at 58 Pa. Code §§63.51, 71.8 and 73.3 (relating to sale of VHS-susceptible species of fish; introduction of VHS-susceptible species of fish; and transportation and importation of VHS-susceptible species of fish). The Commission also adopted amendments to §69.3 (relating transportation, introduction and sale of VHS-susceptible species of fish out of the Lake Erie watershed) to include provisions regarding the introduction and sale of VHS-susceptible species from the Lake Erie watershed in other watersheds of the Commonwealth. Under these sections, VHS-susceptible species are those species that the Commission defines by notice published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

For purposes of these sections, the Commission defines the following species of fish as those that are VHS-susceptible, effective January 1, 2009:

Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

Bluntnose minnow (*Pimephales notatus*)

Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)

Bullhead catfishes (*Ameiurus spp*)

Burbot (*Lota lota*)

Channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)

Crappies (*Pomoxis spp*)

Emerald shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*)
Freshwater drum (*Aplodinotus grunniens*)
Gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*)
Lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*)
Largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)
Muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*)
Northern pike (*Esox lucius*)
Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)
Rainbow trout/steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
Redhorse suckers (*Moxostoma spp*)
Rock bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*)
Round goby (*Apollonia melanostoma*)
Smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)
Spottail shiner (*Notropis hudsonius*)
Trout-perch (*Percopsis omiscomaycus*)
Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)
White bass (*Morone chrysops*)
White perch (*Morone americana*)
White sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)
Whitefishes (*Coregonus spp*)
Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)

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