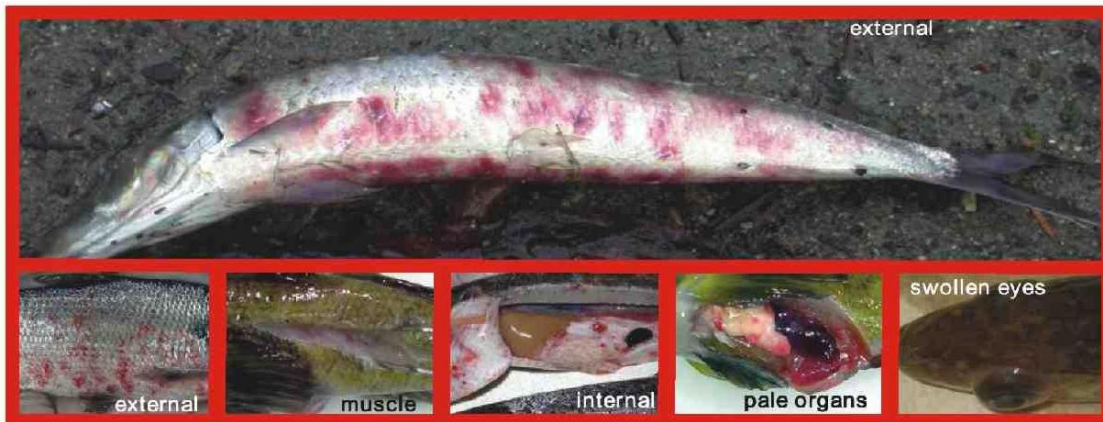


# ! VHS ALERT !

## BOATERS & ANGLERS



Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus is affecting fish species in the Great Lakes states. The virus is not a threat to people who want to eat their catch. **YOU** can help control the spread of this virus and other invasive species:

- ! **INSPECT** boats, trailers, equipment and **REMOVE** all visible plants, animals and debris
- ! **DRAIN** water from boats, motors, bilges and live wells before leaving landing
- ! **NEVER** move live fish away from a waterbody
- ! **BUY** minnows from a local bait dealer. When you have finished fishing, discard remaining bait in trash

### If you catch a suspected diseased fish:

Place the fish in a clean plastic bag and keep it in an iced cooler or refrigerator as quickly as possible (do not freeze).  
Call the local DNR fisheries office or the DNR Pathology Lab at 651-259-5096 right away for instructions.  
Do not risk spreading the VHS virus by bringing potentially diseased fish to DNR offices or hatcheries.

### If you observe a fish kill:

Call the State Duty Office (651-649-5451 or 1-800-422-0798) to report the waterbody, date, fish species, and number of dead or dying fish.  
Don't collect fish samples from a fish kill.

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