

STATE OF OHIO  
Department of Agriculture  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

**PROCLAMATION**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has determined that Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) as identified in Lake Erie may 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 Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health has determined that a ban on the intrastate distribution of live fish, non-disinfected live fish eggs, and baitfish (either living or dead) of VHS susceptible fish species (as listed in Exhibit A) from any waters in Ohio north of a line that follows US Highway 6 from the Indiana border to the intersection of US Highway 6 and Interstate 90 continuing along Interstate 90 to the Pennsylvania border. Additionally, live fish, non-disinfected live fish eggs, and baitfish (either living or dead) of VHS susceptible fish species (as listed in Exhibit A) from the waters of the Sandusky River south of US Highway 6 to the Ballville Dam, the Cuyahoga River south of Interstate 90 to State Route 82, and the Vermilion River South of Interstate 90 to the Wakeman Dam are also banned for distribution.

Therefore, as Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (Department) for the State of Ohio, and pursuant to rule 901:1-21-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code, I do hereby prohibit, until further notice, the transportation or offering for transportation in intrastate commerce, or any other distribution, of live fish, non-disinfected live fish eggs, and baitfish (either living or dead) of VHS susceptible fish species (as listed in Exhibit A) from any waters in Ohio north of a line that follows US Highway 6 from the Indiana border to the intersection of US Highway 6 and Interstate 90 continuing along Interstate 90 to the Pennsylvania border, the waters of the Sandusky River south of US Highway 6 to the Ballville Dam, the waters of the Cuyahoga River south of Interstate 90 to State Route 82, and the waters of the Vermilion River South of Interstate 90 to the Wakeman Dam unless:

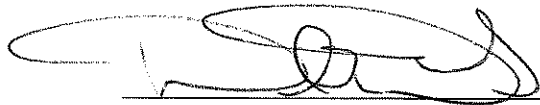
1. The live fish, non-disinfected live fish eggs, and baitfish (either living or dead) of VHS susceptible fish species (as listed in Exhibit A) have been removed directly from production facilities which have tested negative for VHS; or

2. The live fish, non-disinfected live fish eggs, and baitfish (either living or dead) of VHS susceptible fish species (as listed in Exhibit A) have been issued a permit for their movement by the Department.

The Proclamation shall take effect on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2015, and shall be effective until December 31, 2019 or until such a time as it is revoked or amended by this Department.

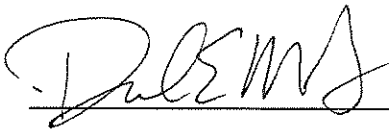
Effective this same date, I hereby revoke all prior VHS Proclamations issued by this Department.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of FEBRUARY, in the year Two Thousand Fifteen.



David T. Daniels  
Ohio Department of Agriculture

ATTEST:



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## EXHIBIT A

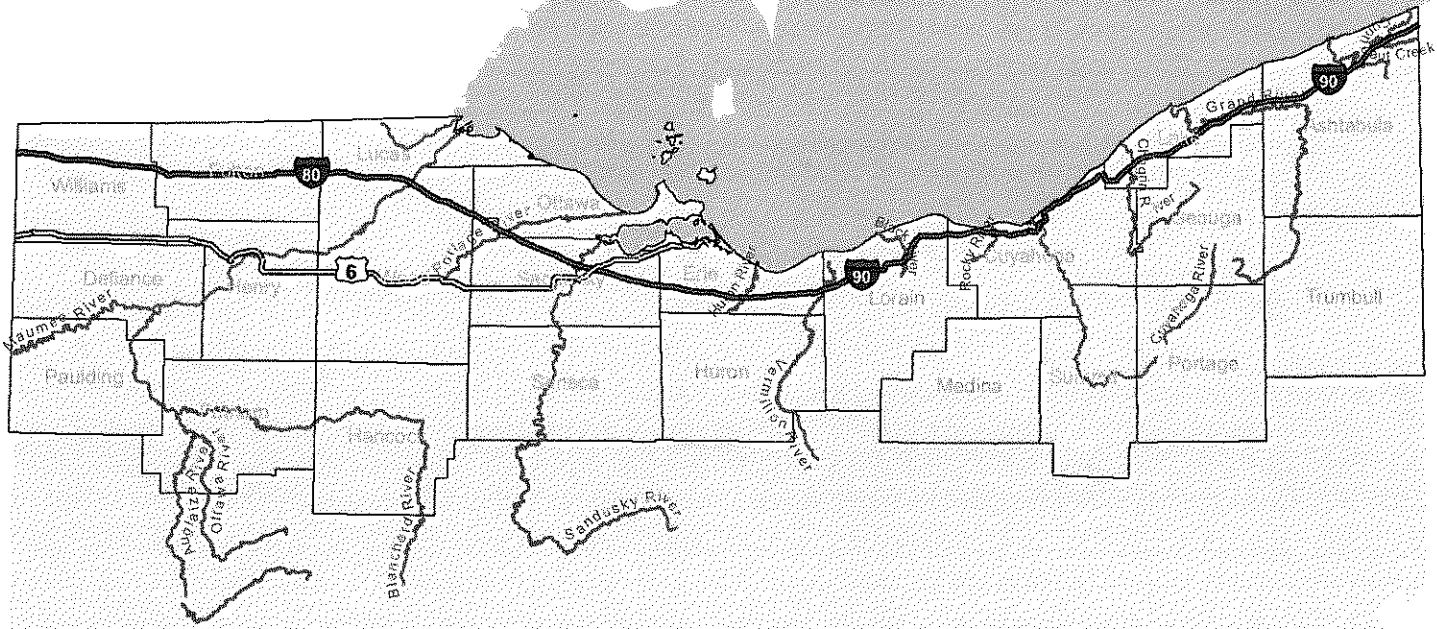
### SPECIES SUSCEPTIBLE TO VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC SEPTICEMIA (VHS)




The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) has listed the following fish as VHS-susceptible species. This is based on species that:

1. Have been found in freshwater locations in the U.S. and/or Canada;
2. Have been found to be infected by VHS virus under natural (i.e., non-experimental) conditions of exposure; and
3. Have had VHS virus isolated by cell culture, and molecular diagnostic confirmation.

Alewife	<i>Clupea herringus</i>
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>
Lake Whitefish	<i>Coregonus</i> spp
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
Muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>
Northern Pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>
Pink salmon	<i>Onchorhynchus gorbuscha</i>
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>
Rainbow / Steelhead trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
Redhorse sucker	<i>Moxostoma</i> spp
Rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>
Round goby	<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i>
Shorthead Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>
Silver Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma anisurum</i>
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
Trout-Perch	<i>Percopsis omiscomaycus</i>
Walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>
White bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>
White perch	<i>Morone Americana</i>
Yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>

# VHS Proclamation Map



	US Routes
	Interstate Routes
	Rivers

