

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 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 United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (USDA/APHIS) have quarantined 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 live VHS susceptible fish have received the required VHS testing; and

The Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry has determined that a ban on the intrastate distribution of live VHS susceptible fish species or non-disinfected live eggs intended for fish production, or any baitfish (either living or dead) from Clearfork Reservoir and any area in Ohio north of a line that follows US Hwy 6 from the 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 non-disinfected live eggs intended for fish production, or any

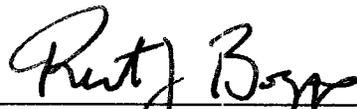
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1. The live VHS susceptible fish or their non-disinfected live fish eggs intended for fish production, or any baitfish (either living or dead) have been removed directly from VHS tested negative production facilities; or
2. The live VHS susceptible fish or their non-disinfected live fish eggs intended for fish production, 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 8th day of June, 2009, and shall be effective until such a time as USDA/APHIS releases its embargo and prohibition of the movement of live VHS susceptible fish that USDA/APHIS has imposed on the State of Ohio.

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 8th day of June, in the year Two Thousand Nine.



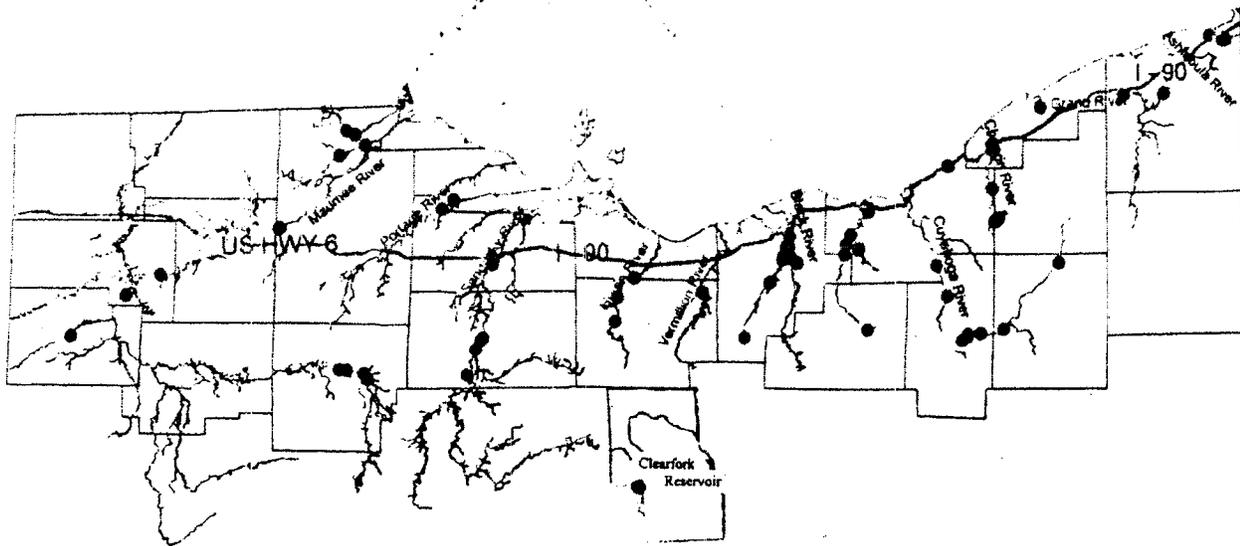
Robert J. Boggs, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture

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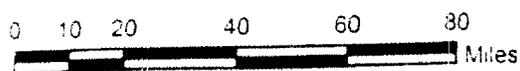


VHS Directors Proclamation

Ohio Department of Agriculture



Infected Area: Clearfork Reservoir and Waters North of US HWY 6 from Indiana East to the Intersection I-90 and North of I-90 from that point East to Pennsylvania, also including the Sandusky River South of US Hwy 6 to Ballville Dam



Legend

- Low Head Dams
- Streams
- Roads

November 8, 2007

Species affected by the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) Federal Order

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) has identified the following species as having originated in freshwater locations in the United States and/or Canada, and as having been infected by VHS virus under natural (i.e. non-experimental) conditions of exposure; and from which VHS virus has been isolated by cell culture, with confirmation of strain identity through molecular detection. Anadromous fish species that have migrated into freshwater and from which VHS strain type IV(a) is isolated are excluded from this definition.

For regulatory purposes, presence of the viral pathogen and clinical expression of disease caused by the virus are considered synonymous.

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>
Emerald shiner	<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>
Freshwater drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>
Gizzard shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>
Lake whitefish	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
Muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>
Shorthead redhorse	<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>
Northern Pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>
Rainbow trout	<i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i>
Rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>
Round goby	<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i>
Silver redhorse	<i>Moxostoma anisurum</i>
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
Spottail shiner	<i>Notropis hudsonius</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>