

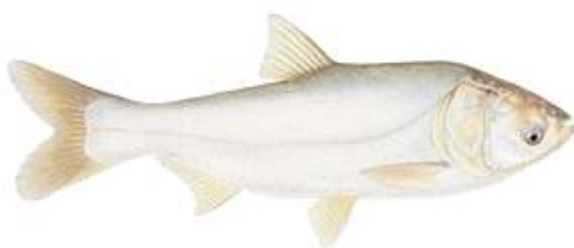
Stop Aquatic Invasive Species

Silver Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)

The silver carp is a fast growing fish that can be found in backwater habitats and channel borders with low velocity. This invasive carp is a threat to native species as they compete for plankton, including microscopic plants (phytoplankton) and animals (zooplankton). They can also be hazardous to humans taking part in boating activities as the vibrations from a boat motor cause the silver carp to jump up to three metres out of the water. This is a safety concern for boat passengers and people performing water sports.

The silver carp is native to Eastern Asia and was first introduced into the United States between 1971 and 1973 and since then have migrated towards the Great Lakes spreading intrusively. The silver carp is very similar to native carp species so identification is important.

Identification



- In comparison with the bighead carp, the silver carp is more laterally pressed
- Eyes are positioned below the mouth
- Body is a light silver colour with a white belly.
- Commonly weigh between 2 to 4 kilograms and can weigh as much as 40 kilograms and be over one metre in length
- The protruding ridge on the belly known as the keel extends from throat to vent

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How would silver carp get here?

The silver carp can be introduced by anglers disposing of them into the water after using them as bait. Never use invasive species or live fish as bait and always properly dispose of bait.

What can I do to prevent the spread of silver carp?

Clean, drain and dry your boat and equipment thoroughly before launching into a new area. Remove and dispose all vegetation, animals and mud into enclosed garbage cans.

Never use invasive species as bait or in your aquarium; always check with the sellers to be sure. Make others aware of this invasive animal and report any findings to the Saskatchewan TIP line.

CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT



Current Saskatchewan Regulation

The Fisheries Regulations prohibit Saskatchewan residents and visitors from importing, possessing, transporting or selling aquatic invasive species.

Report Sightings

Report any sightings to the nearest Ministry of Environment office or call the TIP line.

Need more information or have questions?

Call 1-800-567-4224 (in North America) or email centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

For a complete list of prohibited species, [click here](#)

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