

Do NOT use bighead or silver carp as LIVE bait.

Bighead and silver carp are invasive fish spreading within the Ohio River Basin that cause harm to native fish and wildlife.

Juvenile bighead and silver carp are difficult to distinguish from native fish such as gizzard shad and skipjack herring and are easily misidentified.

What You Can Do:

- Harvest bait only from uninfested waters.
- Only release fish where they were collected - NEVER release in new waters.
- Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash.
- Learn to identify bighead and silver carp.
- Report new sightings to 877-STOP-ANS.
- Know the rules - it is illegal to possess live bighead or silver carp in most states.

BIGHEAD CARP (INVASIVE)



SILVER CARP (INVASIVE)



Similar native fish species

GIZZARD SHAD (NATIVE)



SKIPJACK HERRING (NATIVE)



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