



Viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) is a serious disease of freshwater and saltwater fish that recently has been found widely throughout the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada. VHS is not a threat to human health.

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ROUTINE PRECAUTIONS

- Thoroughly clean and dry fishing equipment, bait buckets, boats, and trailers before using them in a new body of water.
- Empty all water from equipment before transporting.
- Remove all visible mud, plants, and aquatic life from your equipment.
- Do not transfer fish or plants from one body of water to another.
- Do not introduce fish of an unknown health status into populations of farmed fish.

If you suspect VHS, please immediately report all findings to your State department of agriculture or State department of fish and game.

