

Presentation

Asian Carp: Aquatic Nuisance Species Threat to Kansas

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One aquatic nuisance species in the news lately is zebra mussels. The first ones in Kansas were found at the El Dorado Reservoir in 2003.

Since then, they've been detected in Winfield City Lake, Cheney Reservoir, Perry Reservoir, Marion Reservoir, Lake Afton, Wilson Reservoir, Milford Reservoir, and, in 2010, at Council Grove City Lake and John Redmond Reservoir.

A more recent threat to Kansas water, Asian carp, was originally imported in the 1970s for

aquaculture purposes.

They directly compete with other fish for food resources — consuming 40 percent of their body weight each day — and grow

quickly. Although species differ, Asian carp have low-set eyes, lack scales on their head, can weigh more than 60 pounds, and may jump out of the water when disturbed by boat motors.

Asian carp spread when used for fish bait and then released if not used. They may not be intentionally used as bait because they are difficult to distinguish when small from other bait fish as exemplified in this photograph.



See Jason Goeckler *dodge flying Asian carp* and learn more about this nuisance fish in [Scaley Invaders](#) by Michael Pearch in the 31 August 2010 *Wichita Eagle*.

Dispose of bait on land or in the trash

Bait and non-native plants and animals hitchhiking in bait can harm our lakes and rivers.

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