

It is **ILLEGAL** to use bighead or silver carp as **LIVE** bait in Missouri.

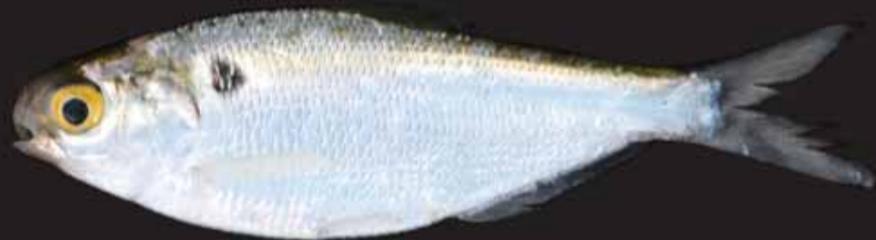
Bighead and silver carp are invasive fish spreading within the Mississippi and Missouri river basins and are causing harm to native fish and wildlife.



BIGHEAD CARP
Juvenile



SILVER CARP
Juvenile



GIZZARD SHAD (NATIVE)
Juvenile

What You Can Do

- ▼ **Learn** to identify bighead and silver carp. Juveniles are difficult to distinguish from local baitfish species such as gizzard shad.
- ▼ **Never release** live fish from one body of water into another.

Bighead & Silver Carp Characteristics

- ▼ Low-set eye; large upturned mouth without barbels
- ▼ Scaleless head; body scales very small
- ▼ Adults may weigh more than 60 lbs. and measure 4 ft. in length
- ▼ Silver carp may jump out of water when disturbed by boat motors

For more information contact the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Invasive Species Coordinator at 573-522-4115, ext. 3371 or your regional MDC office.



Serving nature and you™