

Invading Species

Protect our Native Fish

What is the problem?

People are currently:

- moving smallmouth bass to new waters.
- moving chain pickerel to new waters.
- stocking rainbow trout.
- letting their goldfish swim freely.

How does this occur?

People often spread unwanted species by:

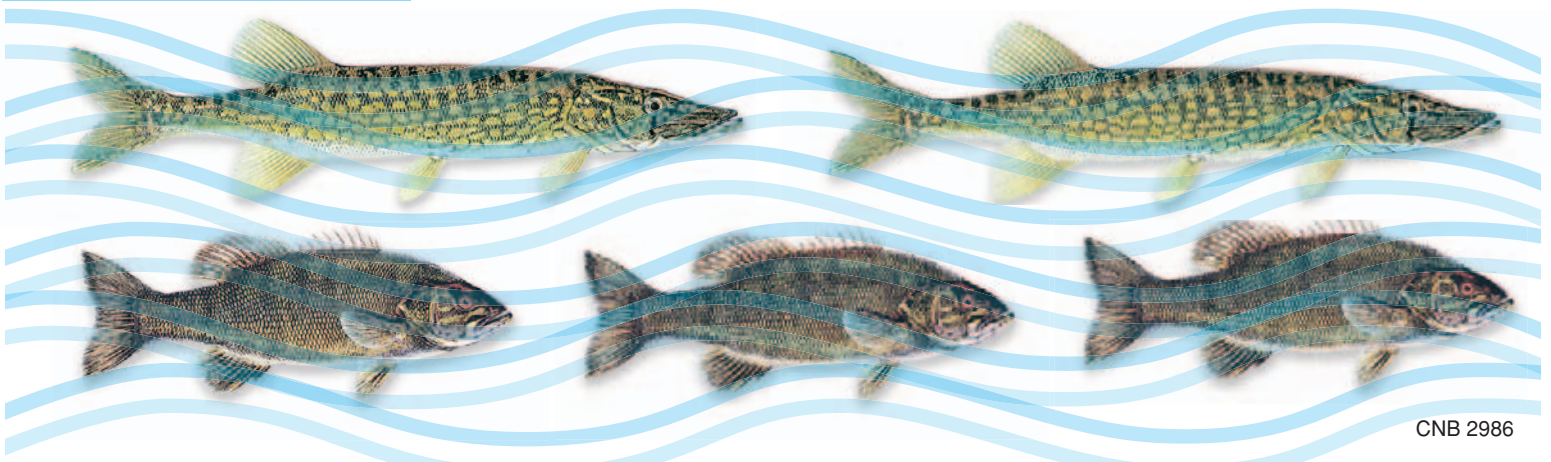
- releasing a ship's ballast water that contains exotic organisms.
- introducing aquaculture, sport or aquarium fish.
- boating, bait handling, water transport and releasing fish from ornamental ponds.

And the result is...

- A new species can disrupt the natural ecosystem and impact native fish.
- It may introduce diseases and parasites that affect wild fish populations.
- Introduced species may compete with and prey on salmon and trout.

How can I help?

- Stop stocking or moving fish.
- Do not release or put fish, plants or other animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- Be aware of bait regulations. It is illegal to use live fish as bait in most New Brunswick waters. Where use of live bait is legal, use bait from the body of water you are fishing.



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It is illegal to transfer or stock any fish in New Brunswick without approval.