## BIGHEAD AND SILVER CARP WATCH

Bighead and silver carp are invasive fish spreading within the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions causing harm to native fish and wildlife.





## Bighead & Silver Carp Characteristics

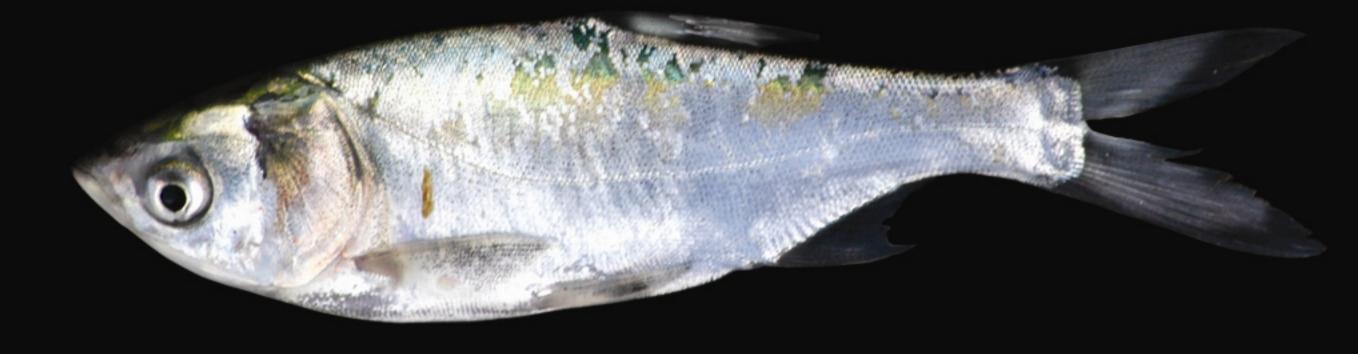
- Low-set eye; large upturned mouth without barbels
- Scaleless head; body scales very small
- Adults may be more than 60 lbs. in weight and 4 ft. in length
- May jump out of water when disturbed by boat motors
- Juveniles difficult to distinguish from local baitfish species such as gizzard shad (see photos)

## What You Can Do

- Learn to identify bighead and silver carp.
- Never release live fish from one body of water into another.
- ▼ Report new sightings note exact location; freeze specimen in a sealed plastic bag; and call the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program (847-872-8677), the Illinois DNR (309-968-7531), or the Indiana DNR (317-234-3883).







BIGHEAD CARP

[uvenile]

GIZZARD SHAD [NATIVE]

[uvenile]

SILVER CARP

Juvenile