

# PROTECT YOUR WATERS

## Baitfish may be small, but they can be big trouble!

Help keep fishing great in New York State by preventing the spread of invasive species and diseases.

- Don't dump fish or water from one waterbody into another.
- Follow the NYS baitfish regulations and use baitfish only where permitted, <https://on.ny.gov/baitfishregs>.
- Purchase certified disease-free baitfish.
- Dispose of unused baitfish in the trash or at a disposal station.
- Report illegal stocking to NYSDEC, **1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267)**.



Learn about more ways to protect your waters,  
<https://on.ny.gov/preventaquaticinvasives>.

Two harmful invasives spread by improper bait disposal



Round goby



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