



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Special Permit to possess prohibited invasive species of carp
[permit authorized under M.S. 84D.05 Subd. 1(5) and 84D.11 Subd. 2d]

You need this permit if you have taken a bighead, black, grass, or silver carp (invasive carp) from Minnesota waters and want to transport it away from the waterbody.

Scope: This special permit authorizes anglers to transport, possess, and dispose of the following prohibited invasive species of carp: bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*), grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), and black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*).

Dates valid: This special permit is valid only for the fish that you caught on the reported date. The DNR may change or revoke this permit and its conditions at any time.

Conditions: You must:

1. Report the invasive carp catch to the DNR by calling 651-587-2781. Leave a message with the information listed below.
2. Take a photo. Measure the length and weight, if possible.
3. Remove gill arches before transporting it away from the water access.
4. The fish may be processed for consumption or disposal after consulting with a DNR biologist or two hours after issuance of this permit, whichever comes first.
5. Keep the head and guts, including eggs, in a plastic bag on ice until delivered or picked up by DNR staff.
6. Unused parts of the fish should be disposed of in the trash or an area at least 300 feet away from a public water.



Removing gill arches

Instructions: To obtain a permit to legally transport and possess an invasive carp you must call the DNR at 651-587-2781. Leave a message with the following information:

1. your name
2. valid phone number where you can be reached
3. where you caught the carp
4. date and time of catch
5. address where carp is being transported to
6. acknowledgement of responsibilities by stating, "I agree to follow the conditions of the Minnesota DNR special permit to transport invasive carp."

The permit is considered issued once you have spoken with a DNR biologist or left a message with the above information.