

# STOP THE SPREAD



## Round Goby are aggressive and outcompete native species!

### Origin

A fish species native to Eastern Europe, it arrived in the Great Lakes Region in the late 1980s through the ballast water of ships.

### Status

Round Goby has invaded all the Great Lakes, and some inland lakes in southern Ontario and Michigan.

### Impacts

Displaces native fish or reduces their abundance by using optimal habitat, spawning multiple time per season, and eating native fish eggs.

### Where to Look

Usually abundant near shore. Prefer rocky, sandy substrate.

### Look For:

- ◇ Adult: 7 to 25 cm (3 to 10 inches) long, mottled brown in colour.
- ◇ Young: solid slate gray colour.
- ◇ Pelvic fin shaped like a Suction cup.
- ◇ Prominent black spot on dorsal fin.



## Prevent the Spread!

**CLEAN** and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear before leaving the access. Remove all plants, animals and mud. Rinse using high pressure, and/or hot tap water.

**DRAIN** all water from watercraft and gear including the motor, live-well, bilge and bait bucket.

**DRY** watercraft and gear for at least 5 days in the hot sun (if rinsing is not available).

**DISPOSE** of unwanted live bait and worms in trash and dump bait

For more information or to report a sighting,  
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