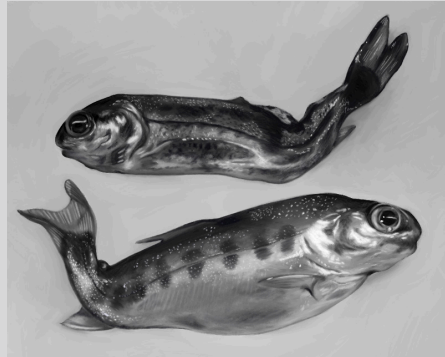




ATTENTION WATER ENTHUSIASTS

Help prevent the spread of whirling disease in Canadian waters. Whirling disease is an infectious disease of finfish which is spread through a parasite. The disease causes skeletal deformities of the body or head and the tail may appear dark or black.

This disease **does not** pose a risk to human health but can significantly impact some fish populations. Whirling disease can be transmitted to other water bodies through fish and fish parts, watercraft, and gear or equipment used for scuba diving, swimming, paddling, boating and fishing.



A self-serve wash station, along with information on how to clean gear and equipment, is located at the beginning of the Minnewanka Loop Road, just off the Trans-Canada Highway. Any item that has touched a water body must be cleaned before entering another water body; before leaving Banff National Park; or upon arrival home. Such items include, but are not limited to:



boats, trailers, motors, bail buckets, ballasts, coolers, live-wells, pumps, bilges and footwear



ALL equipment



kayaks, canoes, SUPs, paddles, lifejackets, seat cushions, dry bags and safety kits



flippers, goggles, wetsuits and fins



rods and lines, tackle, flies, nets, belly boats, buckets, waders and wading boots



shovels, pails, water wings, floatation devices, toys and footwear

ATTENTION ANGLERS

- All fish and fish parts caught while fishing must be properly disposed of in municipal garbage.
- Never transport live fish from one water body to another (this is illegal in national parks).
- Do not use fish parts as cut bait (this is illegal in national parks).



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Preventing the spread of whirling disease requires everyone's support.



CLEAN off all mud and debris from anything that has been in contact with water each time you exit a water body (see reverse side).



DRAIN all watercraft and related equipment (bail buckets, ballasts, coolers, boots). Remove drain plugs from motorboats.



DRY all watercraft and all related gear completely after cleaning and before entering another water body.



WASH dogs with warm water and brush thoroughly.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

parksCanada.gc.ca/banff-whirling

To speak with an aquatics specialist, call Banff Dispatch: 403-762-1470

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