



Keep, Cool, Call: What to do if you capture a black carp

Scientists and fisheries managers from U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southern Illinois University, and other agencies would like your help in locating invasive black carp and in providing carcasses for analysis. If you capture a black carp, you may be eligible for a \$100 per carcass bounty. This bounty program is funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and administered by Southern Illinois University. The program has historically been available for fish captured in Illinois and adjoining states, and has provided many of the known black carp captures to date.

If you capture a black carp:

Keep

Check the identity of the fish using our Black and Grass Carp Identification Handout: <http://www.asiancarp.us/documents/BlackGrassCarpIdentification.PDF>. Grass carp (see link above), common carp, and blue sucker (native species, please release) are sometimes mistaken for black carp. If you believe it might be a black carp, keep the fish and make note of the location, preferably by taking a GPS point. Also note the type of fishing gear and bait you used, and if possible, habitat conditions such as bottom type, depth, water temperature, and flow.

Cool

Kill the fish (live possession of black carp is illegal) and keep it cool on ice. Do not freeze the carcass unless necessary.

Call

Call a number listed here or contact your local natural resource agency to arrange for transport of the black carp. The natural resource agent might request photos of the carcass to aid in identification, and your contact information for follow-up. Please direct any questions about the bounty to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources or Southern Illinois University.



Black carp

Photo: USGS



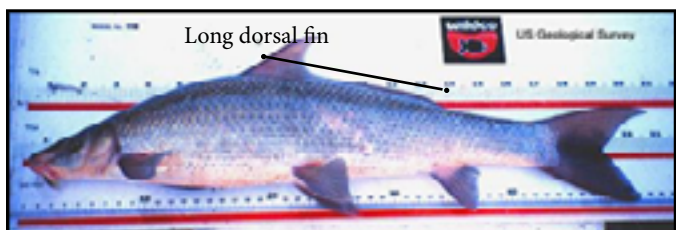
Black carp

Photo: Greg Whitledge, SIU



Common carp

Photo: USFWS



Blue sucker

Photo: USGS

US Geological Survey:

(573) 876-1866 or (573) 355-0257

Illinois DNR:

(217) 557-0719 or (618) 462-0362

Southern Illinois University:

(618) 453-6089