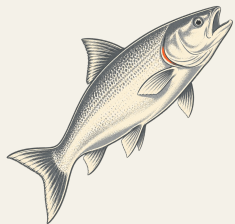


PROTECTING THE WATERS WE SHARE.



Watts Bar Ecology and Fishery Council is a local nonprofit building awareness and supporting practical action to slow the spread of invasive silver carp in Tennessee.

Through outreach, partnerships, and public education, we help protect the Tennessee waters that sustain wildlife, recreation, and local communities.

Nickajack • Chickamauga • Watts Bar
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GET INVOLVED

JOIN US IN PROTECTING OUR WATERS.

Help protect our rivers, lakes, and native fish.

- 1 Learn
Know how to identify silver carp and understand the threat.
- 2 Share
Bring this message to schools, anglers, boating groups, and community leaders.
- 3 Act
Contact representatives, volunteer with WBEFC, and report unusual catches to TWRA.



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HELP US **PROTECT** TENNESSEE

Rivers and lakes from
invading silver carp.

THE UPPER LAKES CAN STILL BE DEFENDED.

WHY IT MATTERS

NATIVE FISH. SAFE BOATING. HEALTHY WATERS.

Silver carp disrupt aquatic food webs by consuming the microscopic food needed by native fish. Their spread threatens the balance of Tennessee and Cumberland River ecosystems.

FOOD

COMPETE WITH NATIVE FISH

SAFETY

LEAPING CARP CAN ENDANGER BOATERS

ECONOMY

RECREATION AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AT RISK

Prevention matters. Protecting uninvaded lakes now is more effective than trying to manage a widespread population later.

BUILD THE LINE OF DEFENSE

HOW TO STOP THE SILVER CARP.

Stopping their spread requires action at navigation locks, responsible boating practices, and fast reporting.



LOCK OPERATIONS

Modify Watts Bar Lock operations to limit avoidable pathways for upstream movement.



INSTALL DETERRENTS

Place effective deterrent systems at navigation locks on the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers.



CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

Clean, drain, and dry boats and gear after every trip. Report unusual catches to TWRA.

STOP THE SPREAD

Removal alone is not enough. Prevent silver carp from entering additional lakes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

LEARN. SHARE. DEMAND ACTION.

- 1** Identify silver carp
Learn the features that distinguish invasive carp from native fish.
- 2** Share the message
Talk with schools, anglers, boating groups, marinas, and neighbors.
- 3** Contact representatives
Ask local, state, and federal leaders to support prevention at navigation locks.
- 4** Volunteer with WBEFC
Visit wbefc.com to learn more, get involved, and support public outreach.

REPORT UNUSUAL CATCHES

Contact TWRA at ans.twra@tn.gov or call Region 4 at 1-800-831-1174.