

Baitfish Option Comparisons

			"Status Quo" Option	Option 1 - Commercial baitfish in zones	Option 2 - Commercial baitfish + wild smelt in zones	Option 3 - Commercial and wild baitfish in zones
Changes not necessitating a board rule change	Public outreach and education	Consolidated messaging regarding fish stocking and importation with various partner organizations	X	X	X	X
		Increased education and outreach regarding the dangers / risks of fish pathogens and aquatic invasive species related to baitfish movement	X	X	X	X
	Commercial Baitfish	Requiring out of state importation source facilities to hold a separate fish importation permit from the recipient in-state facility	X	X	X	X
		Work to improve baitfish chain of custody for imported baitfish	X	X	X	X
		Increase Department bait shop / wholesaler inspection	X	X	X	X
	Baitfish Preservation	Include salt / borax method in list of allowable methods for commercial baitfish preservation	X	X	X	X
Changes necessitating a board rule change	Administrative	Removal of baitfish regulations from §122 to its own separate section (§141)		X	X	X
	Commercial Baitfish	Clarify what constitutes a "commercial bait dealer" to not include operations selling only commercially preserved baitfish		X	X	X
		Establishment of a "zone-specific" baitfish dealer that can sell baitfish for a specific baitfish zone		X	X	X
		Use or holding of commercially purchased baitfish is not allowed in other waters of the state if collected, used, or held in black-list waters		X	X	X
		Movement of commercially purchased baitfish is allowed within an East or a West baitfish zone		X	X	X
		Purchased baitfish can be held in waters of the same baitfish zone listed on the baitfish receipt (provided no contact with a blacklist water)		X	X	X
	Baitfish Receipts	Change baitfish receipt duration from 4 days to 10 days		X	X	X
		Baitfish receipts will list either a geographic zone that baitfish can be used within or a specific "blacklist water" that baitfish can be used on.		X	X	X
	Wild Baitfish	Establish a list of black-list waters in which wild caught baitfish cannot leave that specific waterbody		X	X	X
		Movement and use of wild harvested rainbow smelt is allowed within an East or a West baitfish zone			X	X
		Allow the sale of personally harvested wild rainbow smelt to "zone specific" commercial baitfish dealers			X	X
		Personally harvested smelt can be held in water of the same baitfish zone in which they were caught (provided no contact with a blacklist water)			X	X
		Movement and use of wild harvested baitfish is allowed within an East or a West baitfish zone				X
Personally harvested wild baitfish can be held in water of the same baitfish zone in which they were caught (provided no contact with a blacklist water)					X	
	A annual wild baitfish endorsement is required to transport or use wild caught baitfish away from the water in which they were collected			X	X	

Gradation of Angler Opportunity / Risk to the Resource