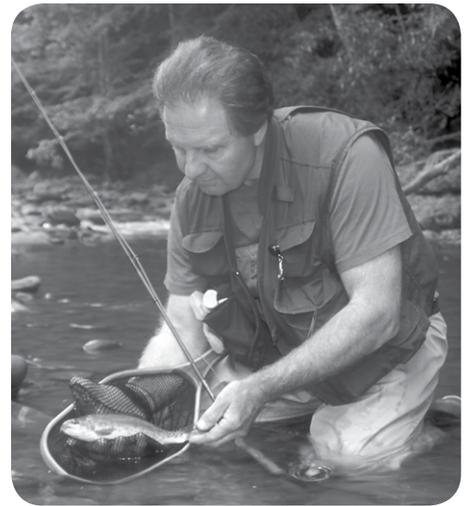


FROM THE DIRECTOR

Many of you are hearing about or seeing Asian carp stories in the news. Numerous internet videos show large silver carp leaping out of the water, jumping into boats and hitting boat operators on the Mississippi River and some of its tributaries downstream of West Virginia. Silver and bighead carp are two species of Asian carp that pose an ecological risk, not only to rivers, but also to the Great Lakes. Much time, effort and money has gone into research and implementation of methods to stop the upstream movement of Asian carp. Recently, the State of Illinois and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers installed an electrical barrier in the Chicago Ship Canal to stop the movement of Asian carp into the Great Lakes.

West Virginia has had its share of aquatic invasive species. Zebra mussels, golden algae and didymo are just a few of the organisms that have impacted our waters. Sometimes it's not just the algae blooms or jumping carp that can cause problems. Fish diseases can be transported as easily as an aquatic plant. That is why it is very important for anglers and boaters to clean boating and fishing gear after a day on the water. Removing visible plants, mud and any other organism, as well as draining water from bait buckets and live wells, is a critical component of protecting fishery resources in West Virginia. Anglers and boaters are the first line of defense to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. For more information about what you can do, please see information in this brochure or go to the Protect Your Waters website at www.protectyourwaters.net.



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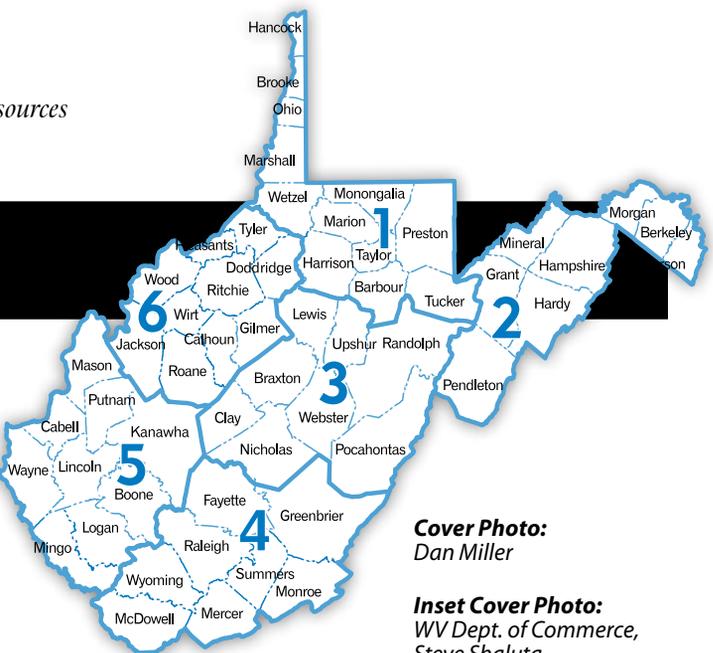
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