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To Bait Dealer and Transportation Permit holders:

The Ohio Department of Natural Resource, Division of Wildlife (ODNR-DOW) has received confirmation from Tony Forshey, DVM, State Veterinarian, Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) regarding an allowance to the February 3, 2015 Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) Proclamation.

Beginning immediately, emerald shiners *Notropis atherinoides* collected from all United States waters of Lake Erie, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York will no longer require testing and disease-free certification for VHS as a condition for importation into Ohio when their final destination is north of the Proclamation Line within the State (north of a line that follows US Highway 6 from the Indiana border to the intersection of US Highway 6 and Interstate 90 continuing along Interstate 90 along Interstate 90 to the Pennsylvania border).

This exception to the ODA VHS Proclamation applies only to emerald shiners under the conditions specified. Standard importation permits from ODA and specifications for testing of other species continue to be in effect as identified in the VHS Proclamation. The current VHS Proclamation is effective until December 31, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Zody".

Scott A. Zody
Chief
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