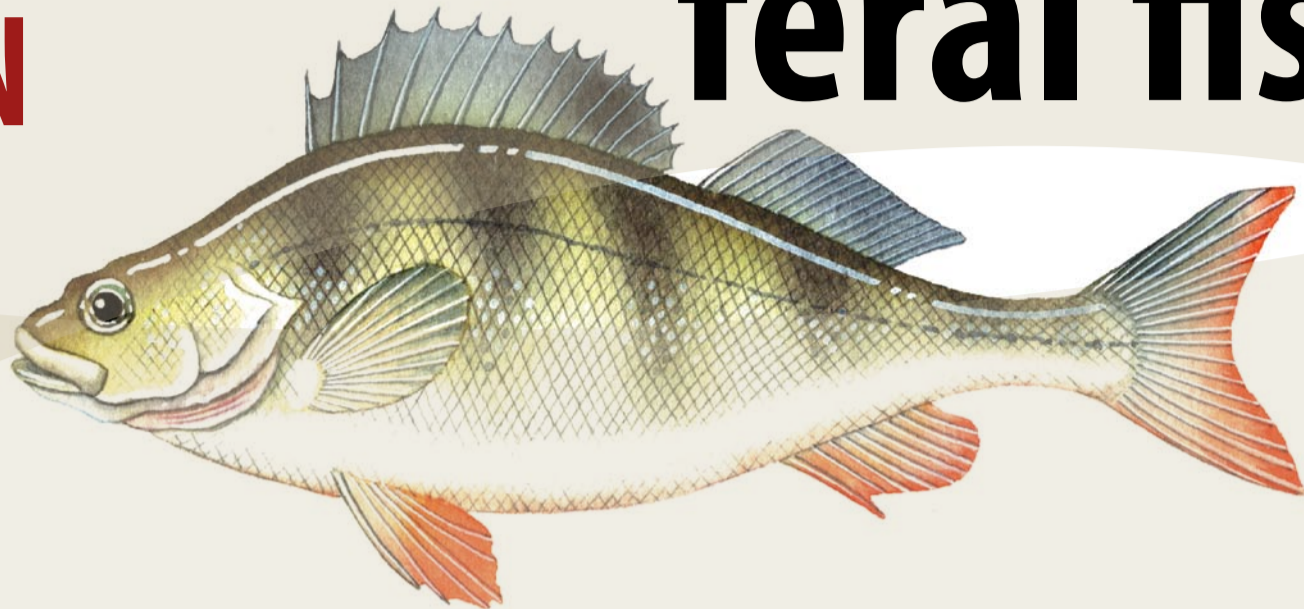


Say **NO** to feral fish!

REDFIN PERCH



Did you know that redfin perch

- are **not native** to Australia, but were introduced from Europe
- can **degrade recreational fisheries** for native species and trout
- carry EHN virus, a **disease** which can devastate susceptible native fish and trout
- can build up to large numbers in suitable habitat, leading to **stunted fish** which are poor angling and eating
- prey on other fish, leading to **reduced populations** of other species.

NEWSFLASH

Redfin have recently been discovered at new sites in the upper Lachlan and Wollondilly catchments - including sites with threatened Macquarie perch and southern pygmy perch.

Protect our waterways and stop the spread of feral fish!

- Don't transfer fish between waterways or into farm dams—and don't use live fin fish as bait in freshwater, it's illegal!
- Obtain a permit to stock fish—and buy fingerlings from a registered hatchery to prevent contamination with unwanted species.
- Don't return pest fish to the water—if you catch a pest fish, kill it humanely and dispose of it appropriately.
- Prevent unwanted hitchhikers—check, clean, and dry boats and gear between waterways.
- Help us catch new invaders early—look out for new species in local waterways, and **report suspected pests to NSW DPI's 24-hour hotline: 02 4916 3877.**

For more information contact your local fisheries office or

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