## Increase Golden Shiner Production to Protect Aquatic Communities



Demand for Golden Shiners used as bait exceeds in-state production and there is pressure from anglers to import them.

However, importation can introduce aquatic invasive species and carry disease, which can negatively impact our state waters and jeopardize valuable native fish species.

## **4** Strategies to Increase In-State Golden Shiner Production

Raise indoors for their entire lifecycle





Couple production with aquaponics

Grow indoors to fry size (1"), then transfer to dug ponds





Grow indoors to fryling size (2"), then transfer to dug ponds

## **Outcomes and Products**

Increase in-state production of Golden Shiner to meet angler demand and eliminate need to import Document results, determine best strategies, and produce a report. Develop systems for commercial production Host 3 workshops for growers, bait dealers and legislators to transfer project information

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