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## News Release

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### KOI HERPESVIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAKS CONFIRMED

Movements of fish in and out of two fisheries, one in Essex and one in West Sussex, have been restricted following the confirmation of the serious viral fish disease, Koi Herpesvirus (KHV) disease.

Defra has issued Designated Area Orders prohibiting the movement of fish to and from:

- a. Canvey Lake, Denham Road, Canvey Island, Essex; and
- b. River Park Farm Fishery, River Park Farm, Lodsworth, Petworth, West Sussex.

Samples were taken from the affected fisheries following reported deaths of fish.

KHV Disease affects common carp and carp varieties such as Koi. It can result in high rates of fish mortalities.

There are no implications for human health.

It became a legal obligation to notify suspicion of KHV Disease on 6 April 2007. The measures developed in partnership between government and industry to help combat outbreaks were announced on 21 May.

Suspicion of the presence of the disease should be immediately reported to: **the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Weymouth**

**Tel: 01305-206673/206674**

Email: [fish.health.inspectorate@cefas.co.uk](mailto:fish.health.inspectorate@cefas.co.uk)

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. The Diseases of Fish (Designated Areas) (England) (No.3) Order 2007 and the Diseases of Fish (Designated Areas) (England) (No.4) Order 2007 , issued under the 1937 Diseases of Fish Act (as amended), restrict the movement of any live fish, or live eggs of fish, into or out of the designated areas without the prior written consent of Defra.
2. The designated areas are:
  - a. Canvey Lake, Denham Road, Canvey Island, Essex, and comprises the area falling within following grid references: TQ7895415; TQ79358425; TQ79958385; TQ79858365; TQ79358405; TQ78958395; and
  - b. River Park Farm Fishery, River Park Farm, Lodsworth, Petworth, West Sussex, and comprises the area falling within following grid references: SU94252505; SU94252495; SU93852495; SU93852515.
3. A total of three Designated Area Orders have now been imposed in relation to KHV disease since it became a notifiable disease in April 2007.
4. KHV disease may be suspected if dead or dying fish with other clinical evidence such as bleeding from the gills, white patches on the gills or skin, sunken eyes and hyperactive behaviour are found in fisheries, other inland waters, fish farms, fish dealers, retailers, aquaria and garden ponds. These signs usually appear when water temperatures are between 15°C and 28°C.
5. Details of the statutory and voluntary controls in place to help combat outbreaks of KHV Disease may be accessed from the following web site :  
[www.efishbusiness.co.uk](http://www.efishbusiness.co.uk);

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