

IFI ALERT - Invasive Species!

asian clam ***[Corbicula fluminea]***

What is it?

The world's most notorious freshwater invasive species that is now present in the Rivers Barrow, Nore and Upper Shannon.



How do you identify it?

- Yellow-green to brown clam that commonly flakes, leaving white patches
- Concentric thick ridges
- Usually <25 mm but can grow to 50mm in length

Why are we concerned?

This clam can quickly establish and exclude all other life from the beds of infested rivers and lakes. Carpets of clam can clog the gravel beds in rivers and render them unavailable to spawning salmon, brown trout and sea lamprey. They will also displace native invertebrates, including the protected freshwater pearl mussel. Dense infestations of clam (10,000 per M2 in the River Barrow) can lead to river shallowing, thus creating flood and navigation hazards.

How do we stop the spread of this species?

- Inspect and disinfect all angling tackle and protective clothing before and after use
- Inspect and clean boats, trailers, engines and other equipment before and after use

Please report sighting to Inland Fisheries Ireland at info@fisheriesireland.ie



STOP! The spread of invasive species