

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

## INVASIVE SPECIES FACT SHEET



**Common Name:** Oriental Weatherfish

**Family:** *Cobitidae* (Loaches)

**Order:** *Cypriniformes* (carps)

**Class:** *Actinopterygii* (ray-finned fishes)

**Species:** *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*

**Other names:** Dojo, weather loach, Japanese Weatherfish, Amur Weatherfish

**Origin:** Northeast Asia and Central China

**Size:** Max. length 25 cm

### Description:

- Long, cylindrical, eel-like body
- Clay-brown with greenish grey-brown marble markings on top
- Pale silver sides
- Mouth is small, narrow and sub-inferior surrounded by six barbells
- Lips thick and fleshy
- Caudal fin is rounded

### Ecology:

- Found in slow moving or still waters with muddy or silty bottoms
- Diet is comprised of bottom-swelling animals, insect larvae, snails and worms
- Tolerates a wide range of water temperatures
- Can tolerate low oxygen level.

**Status:** Prohibited in Oregon. Exists in several populations in the state.

**Interesting facts:** Named because they become more active before large storms, predicting the weather

**Potential Impact:** Predation on native species, transmission of disease, competition with native-species trout, juvenile coho and chinook for food and habitat.

**Action:** Call 1-800-INVADER to report location. Do not return to the wild.

**More Information:** See Oregon Administrative Rules, Division 56, IMPORTATION, POSSESSION, CONFINEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND SALE OF NONNATIVE WILDLIFE



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