Heterosporis sp.

Microsporidian

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General

1. Parasite infecting skeletal muscle of fish

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Unknown, thought to be Eurasia
2. Habitats
    - Mainly infects yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)
    - Spores may survive for one year or more in 4°C water

Invasion Pathways

1. Unknown, though infection can spread by transportation in water in live wells, bait buckets, and the bilges of boats
2. Movement of susceptible bait fishes between water bodies
3. Unintentional introduction with discarded infected aquarium fish

Sources

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