Osmerus mordax

Rainbow smelt

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General
- Growing to 33 cm
- Pelagic-oceanic; anadromous

Geography and Habitat
1. Native: Atlantic drainages from mid-Maine to New York
2. Habitat
    - Schooling species that occurs in midwater of lakes or inshore coastal waters
    - Temperate waters ranging from 7-16°C
    - Migrates up to 1,000 km upstream in rivers

Invasion Pathways
1. Eggs stocked in Crystal Lake, Michigan
2. Escaped into Lake Michigan and spread quickly throughout the Great Lakes and their tributaries
3. Canals

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