Round goby *Neogobius melanostomus*

Quick Facts:

- Classification: Benthic fish in the goby family (Gobiidae)
- Origin: Black Sea, Caspian Sea
- First validated occurrence in the Great Lakes basin: St. Clair River near Sarnia, Ontario, July 1990 (Jude *et al*. 1992)
- Means of introduction: Likely introduced from ship ballast water
- Key impacts: Competes with native fish for food and habitat, preys on native species

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Literature Cited

Jude, D. J., Reider, R. H., and Smith, G. R. 1992. Establishment of Gobiidae in the Great Lakes basin. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science* 49:416-421.