

THE FIRST RECORD OF THE EUROPEAN WEATHERFISH *MISGURNUS FOSSILIS* (COBITIDAE) IN KAZAKHSTAN WATERS

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Abstract The weatherfish was found in the Ivy Pond which belongs to the watershed of the River Koluton in the Akmola region of Kazakhstan. The weatherfish had a type of coloration (clearly expressed longitudinal stripes, no spots) which unambiguously connected it to the European weatherfish *M. fossilis* (Linnaeus, 1758). They were also characterized by the absence of *lamina circularis*. It is likely that the European weatherfish was accidentally introduced into the watershed of the River Koluton.

Key words: weatherfish, introduction, invasion, distribution range, disjunction

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