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FOI to US Department of Agriculture re viruses in fish

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Mon, May 5, 2025 at 5:50 PM

To: USDAFOIA@usda.gov

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To:
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USDAFOIA@usda.gov

Good day,

Your offer of access to general records per the terms and conditions in the Freedom of Information Act is hereby accepted. The order is below.

Description of Requested Records:

All studies in the possession/custody/control of the **Department of Agriculture**, authored by anyone, anywhere, ever, meeting any of the following descriptions:

1.
- that **scientifically prove or provide evidence of the existence of any alleged virus that is alleged to infect any type of fish** (showing that the alleged particles exist, invade and replicate in "host" cells and cause the illness/symptoms that they are alleged to cause).

Note: Scientific proof/evidence is not opinions, speculation, declarations, review papers or descriptive studies; it requires use of the scientific method to test falsifiable hypotheses through valid, rigorous, repeatable controlled experiments.

2.
- if there are not records for #1, studies that at least **describe the purification of particles that are alleged to be viruses that allegedly infect any type of fish**, directly from bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of so-called "hosts" (without adding any sources of genetic material or proteins), with purification confirmed via EM imaging (the images must be available as well).

Purify = separate from everything else in the clinical sample.

I am aware that according to "virus" dogma a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate. I am not seeking records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells or that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum or a strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulates. I am simply seeking records that describe purification (separation from everything else in the "host" sample). I am not seeking private patient records.

3.
- **wherein the purported "genome" of any such alleged virus was found intact** in the bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of a "host" (as opposed to fabricated in silico, aka a computer model).
4.
- that **scientifically demonstrate contagion** of the illness / symptoms that are allegedly caused by any said virus.
5.
- **wherein any test for any such alleged virus was validated** (which of course would require the alleged virus to first be shown to exist).

General Notes:

If any records match the above description and are publicly available, please provide enough information about each one

so that I may identify and access it with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, URL, DOI...).

This request is not limited to records that were authored by someone at the Department of Agriculture or that pertain to work done at/by the department; it includes any record(s) matching the above description authored by anyone, anywhere, ever.

Timeframe:

If a timeframe is necessary, please use January 1, 1900 until the date of the search.

Format and conveyance:

Searchable pdf documents sent to me via email; please don't ship anything to me.

Privacy:

I do not agree to this order or "personal information" being shared with any 3rd parties including those that provide FOIA services, without my explicit written consent.

Fees:

Please let me know if there will be a fee greater than \$10. If there will be a fee, I will be requesting a waiver.

Contact Information:

email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and best wishes.

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USDA FOIA Request No. 2025-REE-07136-F Clarification Needed

Mantzaris, Nicholas (CTR) - OGC, DC <Nicholas.Mantzaris@usda.gov>

Thu, May 29, 2025 at 4:26 PM

To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Dear Christine Massey:

This email pertains to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the USDA, Office of Information Affairs (OIA). See attached.

The request, as written, is overbroad and unperfected and can not be processed by the OIA. The request will be paused in processing until clarification is received.

To clarify the request, I need some additional information. Please provide the name of the USDA agency in which you are directing this request. It is most likely that the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the USDA agency most likely to have records. Please confirm that you would like the ARS to process this request.

Additionally, the request is overbroad because it would require the records custodian to review all available information on fish viruses line-by-line and determine if any of the qualifications provided in the request are included in the research record. A reviewer would need first figure out if each and every fish virus research record describes, "the purification of particles that are alleged to be viruses that allegedly infect any type of fish" or if it includes, "the purported "genome" of any such alleged virus was found intact" or if the research paper "scientifically demonstrate[s] contagion of the illness / symptoms that are allegedly caused by any said virus" or if the research paper describes "any test for any such alleged virus". This would be an incredibly time-consuming and arduous task for a records custodian to accomplish, without your added guidelines that the records custodian must review all fish virus records, "authored by anyone, anywhere, ever". The request is overbroad for these reasons. Additionally, your fee category for FOIA purposes is "all other" meaning that you will receive up to 2 hours of free search and review time. The search and review for this request would take a substantially longer than two hours to complete, so you will likely be charged substantial fees for the processing of this request.

The request would be more feasible to process if you were to amend to something like all ARS published research on fish viruses from the last ten years. Please let me know if you would be amenable to this change to your request.

As stated above, the request is overbroad and cannot be processed at this time. It will be paused until clarification is received. Please reach out with any questions you have regarding this email.

Thank you,


Nicholas Mantzaris
FOIA Analyst - Contractor
Freedom of Information Act Division
Office of Information Affairs (OIA)



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Thu, May 29, 2025 at 5:23 PM

To: "Mantzaris, Nicholas (CTR) - OGC, DC" <Nicholas.Mantzaris@usda.gov>

Good day Nicholas,

Thank you for your email.

If the Agricultural Research Service is the USDA agency most likely to have records regarding alleged viruses in fish, then yes, please have them process the order.

Note that numerous institutions, including the CDC, have already responded to the same order regarding other alleged viruses that I expect would involve far more publications. For example, [here](#) and attached is the CDC's official confession to the same order regarding the alleged "HPV", and [here](#) is their confession regarding various alleged feline viruses. They simply confessed that they didn't have any responsive records - which was easy to anticipate given that virologists have never adhered to basic logic and the scientific method and successfully shown the existence of any alleged virus. You can find many more examples in my online [newsletters](#).

People at the USDA claim to know for a fact that various alleged viruses exist and cause specific "diseases", and that they have valid tests for them. The department postures as though it has expertise and competence in this area. If this were true, then the "experts" there would already be familiar with the literature and methodologies, and not have to read countless studies line by line (as though for the very first time) to find out whether any are responsive and if so which ones.

For this reason, the order is perfectly reasonable as is, and I will be reporting the response or lack thereof to the public.

Thank you in advance and best wishes.

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USDA FOIA Request No. 2025-REE-07136-F Final Response

Mantzaris, Nicholas (CTR) - OGC, DC <Nicholas.Mantzaris@usda.gov>
To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Dear Christine Massey:

Please see attached the final response letter and responsive document set for your FOIA request with the USDA. A copy of your request is also attached for reference.

The OIA appreciates the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Nicholas Mantzaris
FOIA Analyst - Contractor
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-  **2025-REE-07136-F Request.pdf**
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Office of Information Affairs

June 13, 2025

Delivered via Electronic Mail

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**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2025-REE-07136-F
Final Response**

Dear Christine Massey:

This is the final response to your May 27, 2025, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs (OIA).

The request sought all studies in the possession of the USDA from the year 1900 to present that meet any of the following descriptions:

- 1) That scientifically prove or provide evidence of the existence of any alleged virus that is alleged to infect any type of fish (showing that the alleged particles exist, invade and replicate in "host" cells and cause the illness/symptoms that they are alleged to cause);
- 2) If there are not records for #1, studies that at least describe the purification of particles that are alleged to be viruses that allegedly infect any type of fish, directly from bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of so-called "hosts" (without adding any sources of genetic material or proteins), with purification confirmed via EM imaging (the images must be available as well);
- 3) Wherein the purported genome of any such alleged virus was found intact in the bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of a host;
- 4) That scientifically demonstrate contagion of the illness/symptoms that are allegedly caused by any said virus;
- 5) Wherein any test for any such alleged virus was validated.

Your request was processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A search for responsive records was conducted by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the USDA's chief scientific in-house research agency. The ARS completed a search of its research database for peer-reviewed publications from the aquaculture program ([Aquaculture : USDA ARS](#)) since 1900 that contain the word "virus." Responsive records totaling three (3) pages were identified. The records are being provided to you in full, with no FOIA withholdings applied.

Christine Massey

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You may seek dispute resolution services from the OIA's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Melanie Enciso. Ms. Enciso may be contacted by telephone at (202) 720-9462, or electronically at Melanie.Enciso@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

You also have the option to seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please visit [Request OGIS Assistance | National Archives](#) for information about how to request OGIS assistance in relation to a FOIA request.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of processing your request. In this instance, no fees will be charged.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Nicholas Mantzaris at 202-690-5228 or electronically at Nicholas.Mantzaris@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and processes, please refer to the information available online at [Freedom of Information Act Division | USDA](#).

The OIA appreciates the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,



Alexis R. Graves
Director
Office of Information Affairs

Enclosure: Responsive Records (3 pages)

PRJ_NO_1	JOURNAL_PUB_DATE	CITATION	JOURNAL_TITLE
5090-31320-002-00D	8/20/2013	Pierce, L.R., Willey, J.C., Palsule, V.V., Yeo, J., Shepherd, B.S., Crawford, E.L., Stepien, C.A. 2013. Accurate detection and quantification of the fish viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV) with a two-color fluorometric real-time PCR assay. <i>PLoS One</i> . 8(8): e71851.	PLOS ONE
5090-31320-002-00D	6/15/2015	Spear, A., Faaberg, K.S. 2015. Development of a genome copy specific RT qPCR assay for divergent strains of type II porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus. <i>Journal of Virological Methods</i> . 218:1-6.	Journal of Virological Methods
5090-31320-003-00D	8/21/2015	Spear, A., Ogram, S., Morasco, B., Smerage, L.E., Flanagan, J.B. 2015. Viral precursor protein P3 and its processed products perform discrete and essential functions in the poliovirus RNA replication complex. <i>Virology</i> . 485:492-501. doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.virol.2015.07.018 .	Virology
5090-31320-002-00D	8/27/2015	Stepien, C.A., Pierce, L.R., Leaman, D.W., Niner, M.D., Shepherd, B.S. 2015. Genetic diversification of an emerging pathogen: A decade of mutation by the fish Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus in the Laurentian Great Lakes [online serial]. <i>PLoS One</i> . https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0135146 .	PLOS ONE
8030-31000-004-00D	6/15/2017	Ourth, D.D., Raghu, D., Marecaux, E., Peterson, B.C. 2017. Innate immune response of channel catfish (<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>) mannose-binding lectin to channel catfish virus. <i>Diseases of Aquatic Organisms</i> . 124:159-163.	Diseases of Aquatic Organisms
5090-31320-003-00D	7/26/2017	Ke, Q., Weaver, W., Pore, A., Gorgoglione, B., Wildschutte, J., Xiao, P., Shepherd, B.S., Spear, A., Malathi, K., Stepien, C.A., Vakharia, V.N., Leaman, D.W. 2017. Role of viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV) matrix (M) protein in suppressing host transcription. <i>Journal of Virology</i> . 91(19):e00279-17. https://doi.org/10.1128/JVI.00279-17 .	Journal of Virology
6066-31320-004-00D	4/11/2019	Subramaniam, K., Venugopalan, A., Davison, A., Griffin, M., Ford, L., Waltzek, T., Hanson, L. 2019. Complete genome sequence of an ictalurid herpesvirus 1 strain isolated from blue catfish (<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>). <i>Microbiology Resource Announcements</i> . 8(15):e00082-19. https://doi.org/10.1128/MRA.00082-19 .	Microbiology Resource Announcements
8082-31000-012-00D	8/29/2019	Vallejo, R.L., Cheng, H., Fragomeni, B.O., Shewbridge, K., Gao, G., Macmillan, J.R., Towner, R., Palti, Y. 2019. Genome-wide association analysis and accuracy of genome-enabled breeding value predictions for resistance to infectious hematopoietic necrosis virus in a commercial rainbow trout breeding population [serial online]. <i>Genetic Selection Evolution</i> . 51:47. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12711-019-0489-z .	Genetic Selection Evolution
5090-31320-005-00D	4/30/2020	Kesterson, S.P., Ringiesn, J., Vaharia, V.N., Shepherd, B.S., Leaman, D.W., Krishnamurthy, M. 2020. Effect of the viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus nonvirion protein on translation via the PERK – eIF2alpha pathway. <i>Viruses</i> . 12(5), 499. https://doi.org/10.3390/v12050499 .	Viruses
6066-10600-002-00D	5/19/2020	Arun, V., Griffin, M.J., Wise, D.J., White, D., Ford, L., Lopez-Porras, A., Camus, A.C., Hanson, L.A. 2020. Virulence and immunogenicity of blue catfish alloherpesvirus in channel, blue and blue × channel hybrid catfish. <i>Journal of Fish Diseases</i> . 51(3)740-749. https://doi.org/10.1111/jwas.12696 .	Journal of Fish Diseases
5090-31320-004-00D	7/20/2020	Gorgoglione, B., Ringiesn, J.L., Shepherd, B.S., Leaman, D.W. 2020. Comparative effects of Novirhabdovirus genes on modulating constitutive transcription and innate antiviral responses, in different teleost host cells systems. <i>Virus Research</i> . 17:110. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12985-020-01372-4 .	Virus Research

8082-31000-013-00D	11/5/2020	Vallejo, R.L., Fragomeni, B.O., Cheng, H., Gao, G., Long, R., Shewbridge, K., Macmillan, J.R., Towner, R., Palti, Y. 2020. Assessing accuracy of genomic predictions for resistance to infectious hematopoietic necrosis virus with progeny testing of selection candidates in a commercial rainbow trout breeding population. <i>Frontiers in Veterinary Science</i> . 7:590048. https://doi.org/10.3389/fvets.2020.590048 .	Frontiers in Veterinary Science
8030-31000-005-00D	11/30/2021	Zhao, J., Vendramin, N., Cuenca, A., Polinski, M.P., Hawley, L., Garver, K. 2021. Pan-Piscine Orthoreovirus (PRV) detection using reverse transcription quantitative PCR. <i>Pathogens</i> . https://doi.org/10.3390/pathogens10121548 .	Pathogens
6066-31000-016-00D	1/16/2022	Santos-Rivera, M., Woolums, A.R., Thoreson, M., Meyer, F., Vance, C.K. 2022. Bovine respiratory syncytial Virus (BRSV) infection detected in exhaled breath condensate of dairy calves by near-infrared aquaphotomics. <i>Molecules</i> . 27(2):549-562. https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules27020549 .	Molecules
6066-31000-016-00D	4/1/2022	Dharan, V., Aarattuthodi, S., Khoo, L., Phelps, N., Kumar, G., Steadman, J., Bosworth, B.G., Wise, D., Hanson, L. 2022. An Investigation into the Pathogenesis of Blue Catfish Alloherpesvirus in Ictalurid Catfish. <i>Journal of the World Aquaculture Society</i> . 53:384-400. https://doi.org/10.1111/jwas.12850 .	Journal of the World Aquaculture Society
8030-31000-005-00D	8/10/2022	Polinski, M.P., Gross, L., Marty, G.D., Garver, K.A. 2022. Heart inflammation and piscine orthoreovirus genotype-1 in Pacific Canada Atlantic salmon net-pen farms: 2016-2019. <i>BMC Veterinary Research</i> . https://doi.org/10.1186/s12917-022-03409-y .	BMC Veterinary Research
6066-31000-016-00D	11/28/2022	Johnston, A.E., Shavali, M.A., Scribner, K., Soto, E., Griffin, M.J., Waldbieser, G.C., Richardson, B.M., Winters, A.D., Yun, S., Baker, E.A., Larson, D.L., Kiupel, M., Loch, T.A. 2022. First Isolation of a Herpesvirus (Family Alloherpesviridae) from Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon (<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>). <i>Animals</i> . https://doi.org/10.3390/ani12233230 .	Animals
8030-31000-005-00D	5/10/2023	Turcotte, L.D., Johnson, S.C., Bradshaw, J.C. 2023. Surveillance of Piscine Orthoreovirus genotype-1 (PRV-1) in wild Pacific Salmon of British Columbia, Canada: 2011-2020. <i>Journal of Fish Diseases</i> . https://doi.org/10.3390/fishes8050252 .	Journal of Fish Diseases
8030-31000-005-00D	5/22/2023	Polinski, M.P., Haddad, C.A., Siah, A., Fuller, C., Higgins, M. 2023. British Columbia freshwater salmon hatcheries demonstrate minimal contribution to piscine orthoreovirus (PRV) regional occurrence with no evidence for non-endemic. <i>Aquaculture Research</i> . https://doi.org/10.1139/facets-2022-0218 .	Agriculture Canada Policy Branch
6010-32000-027-00D	10/18/2023	Bruce, T.J., Abernathy, J.W., Tripp, N., Barnes, N., Harrison, C.E., Oladipupo, A.A., Krol, J.D., Wise, A.L., Warg, J.V., Stoeckel, J.A. 2023. White spot syndrome virus (WSSV) in Alabama red swamp crayfish (<i>Procambarus clarkii</i>). <i>Journal of Fish Diseases</i> . 47(2):e13873. https://doi.org/10.1111/jfd.13873 .	Journal of Fish Diseases
8030-31000-005-00D	1/11/2024	Rounsville, T., Polinski, M.P., Marini, A., Turner, S., Vendramin, N., Cuenca, A., Pietrak, M.R., Peterson, B.C., Bouchard, D. 2024. Rapid differentiation of infectious salmon anemia virus avirulent (HPR0) from virulent (HPR) variants using multiplex RT-qPCR. <i>Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation</i> . 36(3):329-337. https://doi.org/10.1177/10406387231223290 .	Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation
6066-31000-016-00D	2/1/2024	Quijano Carde, E., Anenson, K., Waldbieser, G.C., Brown, C., Griffin, M., Henderson, E., Yun, S., Soto, E. 2024. Acipenserid Herpesvirus 2 Genome and Partial Validation of a qPCR for Detection in White Sturgeon (<i>Acipenser transmontanus</i>). <i>Diseases of Aquatic Organisms</i> . 157:45-59. https://doi.org/10.3354/dao03768 .	Diseases of Aquatic Organisms
6010-32000-027-00D	5/10/2024	Soto, E., Lafrentz, B.R., Yun, S., Megarani, D., Henderson, E., Piewbang, C., Johnston, A.E., Techangamsuwan, S., Ng, T., Warg, J., Surachetpong, W., Subramaniam, K. 2024. Diagnosis, isolation, and description of a novel amnoonvirus recovered from diseased fancy guppies, <i>Poecilia reticulata</i> . <i>Journal of Fish Diseases</i> . 47:e13937. https://doi.org/10.1111/jfd.13937 .	Journal of Fish Diseases

8082-31000-013-00D	5/22/2024	Raines, C.D., Iwanowicz, L.R., Lovy, J., Phelps, N., Mor, S., Ng, T. 2024. Discovery and genomic characterization of a novel metahepadnavirus from clinically normal anadromous alewives (<i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i>). <i>Viruses</i> . 16(6):824. https://doi.org/10.3390/v16060824 .	Viruses
8082-31000-013-00D	5/24/2024	Palti, Y., Vallejo, R.L., Purcell, M., Gao, G., Shewbridge, K., Long, R., Setzke, C., Fragomeni, B., Cheng, H., Martin, K., Naish, K. 2024. Genome-wide association analysis of the resistance to infectious hematopoietic necrosis virus in two aquaculture rainbow trout strains confirms oligogenic architecture with several moderate effect quantitative trait loci. <i>Frontiers in Genetics</i> . 15:1394656. https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2024.1394656 .	Frontiers in Genetics
6066-31320-006-00D	8/11/2024	Venugopalan, A., White, D., Lopez-Porras, A., Ford, L., Ware, C., Lewis, M.A., Steadman, J.M., Khoo, L.H., Richardson, B.M., Walker, C.M., Byars, T.S., Wise, D.J., Griffin, M.J., Hanson, L.A. 2024. Diversity in clinical isolates of Ictalurid herpesvirus 1 (IcHV1) from U.S. farm-raised catfish and virulence assessment in channel and channel x blue catfish hybrids. <i>Journal of Fish Diseases</i> . https://doi.org/10.1111/jfd.14005 .	Journal of Fish Diseases
8030-31000-005-00D	8/13/2024	Polinski, M.P., Lifgren, D.L., Clayton, R.D., Warg, J.V., Pietrak, M.R., Peterson, B.C. 2024. Non-virulent infectious salmon anemia virus (ISAV-HPR0) not detectable in eggs or progeny of infected atlantic salmon brood. <i>Viruses</i> . 16(8). Article 1288. https://doi.org/10.3390/v16081288 .	Viruses
6010-32000-027-00D	3/26/2025	Kushala, K.B., Sankappa, N.M., Girisha, S.K., Dheeraj, S.B., Vinay, T.N., Lange, M.D., Suresh, T., Abernathy, J.W. 2025. Co-infection of infectious spleen and kidney necrosis virus, <i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i> , and <i>Aeromonas dhakensis</i> in native endemic Canara pearlspot <i>Etroplus canarensis</i> of Western Ghats, India. <i>Aquaculture International</i> . 33:248.	Aquaculture International



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Sun, Jul 6, 2025 at 7:26 PM

To: "Mantzaris, Nicholas (CTR) - OGC, DC" <Nicholas.Mantzaris@usda.gov>, USDAFOIA@usda.gov, Alexis.Graves@usda.gov

Greetings Nicholas and Alexis,

Thank you for Alexis' letter dated June 13, 2025 and the file titled "final document set", however the letter and document are not responsive to my order and I require a completion of the order.

According to Alexis:

"ARS completed a search of its research database for peer-reviewed publications from the aquaculture program (Aquaculture : USDA ARS) since 1900 that contain the word "virus." Responsive records totaling three (3) pages were identified."

I agreed to ARS processing my order, but not to any changes to the order. The order is not for peer-reviewed publications from the aquaculture program that contain the word "virus." It is not limited to peer-reviewed publications from the aquaculture program and it is far more specific than an order for publications containing the word "virus".

As I pointed out to Nicholas:

"The department postures as though it has expertise and competence in this area. If this were true, then the "experts" there would already be familiar with the literature and methodologies, and not have to read countless studies line by line (as though for the very first time) to find out whether any are responsive and if so which ones. For this reason, the order is perfectly reasonable as is, and I will be reporting the response or lack thereof to the public".

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