

## **Suggested Medications**

Furanase Medicated Food Fu-Ba Fix Gram +/- Powder Top coating for food Melafix Oxy Clear Tab Oxy Clear Powder Pimafix Fungus Tabs Salt Injections

## AEROMONAS

Aeromonas bacteria, the cause of unsightly open sores and ulcers in koi and goldfish, is always present in pond water. It causes bacterial infections in fish when pond conditions are less than ideal. This includes, but is not limited to, dead organics on the bottom of the pond (leaves), uneaten food, dead fish, parasite infestations on the fish (flukes, lice, anchor worm). If parasites are determined to be present, aeromonas will enter the fish and cause infection.

An aeromonas infection is manifest first as an area of reddish raised scales which then opens up into a bloody ulcer at the advanced stage. If left untreated, the infection can spread to other fish, causing a massive fish kill.

Ulcers can be cleaned and disinfected with Hydrogen Peroxide (once) and swabbed with Iodine once a day for a week. This process will kill the outer bacteria and the other medications listed above will help kill the inner infection and promote healing. In the case of severe infection, injectable antibiotics may be obtained from a veterinarian and administered by a knowledgeable person.