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Subject: Review of: Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System
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Mr. Wethington, I received an emailed invitation to review this document and give comments on the GLMRIS website, but only found your email address posted. If you are not the intended recipient of comments, please forward to the right place.

I reviewed the report:

[Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species \(ANS\) of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System \(CAWS\)](#),

that I found here: <http://www.glmris.anl.gov/news/index.cfm#anscontrolpaper>

My comments are as follows:

While it is interesting that the study has investigated many invasive species, it was my impression that the primary objective was to study what can be done to prevent the Asian Carp from destroying the Great Lakes ecosystem (and the economies of eight great lakes states). The study looks impressive and I'm sure was very fulfilling and challenging for the people who have been hired to conduct this work at the tax payers expense. But with regard to the asian carp, it appears the paper has indicated a conclusion that we have all identified from the onset - prior to formation of GLMRIS: Close the Chicago Canals. I believe your report uses the term "Hydrologic Separation". Is anybody suprised that this has been identified as the best solution?

What we need is action, not studies, excuses, or deferral of a decision to the next presidential administration. The solution is simple. President Obama needs to issue an executive order to:

- 1) Close all of the locks that exist as an immediate interim measure to slow down the carp. Starting tomorrow morning.
- 2) Conduct engineering design to reroute stormwater in a manner that reliably disconnects Lake Michigan from the Mississippi River. The build it.
- 3) Design and implement an overland rail, trucking and port system to replace the barge transport needs, if necessary
- 4) Pay for all this with some of the stimulus funding that we are all being taxed for.

The result will be millions of jobs saved in all of the Great Lakes States

When we had the Gulf oil spill, President Obama issued an executive order to halt all offshore drilling under the premise of protecting commercial fishing and tourism in the Gulf of Mexico and other coastal areas. Now we have an even greater threat to the same economies for eight great lakes states (plus Ontario) and Obama wants to conduct studies until after his administration.

It is time to act. Save the GLMRIS study funding for the design work needed in the Chicagoland area.

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