

GREAT LAKES and MISSISSIPPI RIVER
INTERBASIN STUDY
PUBLIC MEETING

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SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

2 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Good afternoon,
3 ladies and gentlemen. I would like to ask if
4 everyone could please be quiet, silence your
5 cell phones, and we're going to go ahead and get
6 started with tonight's meeting.

7 First, I would like to welcome
8 everybody to tonight's Great Lakes and
9 Mississippi River Interbasin Study or GLMRIS.
10 My name is Kendall Zaborowski. I'm from the
11 United States Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago
12 District, and I'm going to be your moderator
13 this evening.

14 Before beginning the meeting, I
15 would like to let everyone know that if you need
16 to use the bathroom, please go back out this
17 main hall, past the welcome table, turn right
18 down the hall, and then the bathrooms are down
19 that hall.

20 Also, in the event of an
21 emergency, exits are located at the top of the
22 stairs to the left and the right, the bottom of
23 the stairs to the left and right or down the
24 center aisle.

25 When you arrived today, the

1 following materials were available at the front
2 desk. The first is the green meeting agenda,
3 and that's going to be speaking to our schedule
4 for tonight. The next is the yellow comment
5 registration form. If you would like to ask a
6 question or make a comment here this evening or
7 if you'd like to submit a written comment,
8 please fill out the yellow form and return it to
9 the welcome desk where you arrived. The next
10 sheet is this blue paper that includes some
11 frequently asked questions about GLMRIS and
12 other aquatic nuisance species efforts by the
13 Corps of Engineers; and the last thing or
14 handout we have here tonight is a summary of the
15 GLMRIS report, and that contains detailed
16 information that we are going to be presenting
17 to you shortly.

18 Now, I'd like to take a moment to
19 introduce tonight's panel. From the far left
20 and moving closest to me, first, we have
21 Mr. John Goss, who works for the White House
22 Council on Environmental Quality. To his right
23 is Colonel Frederic Drummond, the Chicago
24 District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of
25 Engineers. And then nearest to me is Dave

1 Wethington, also the Chicago District U.S. Army
2 Corps of Engineers, and he is the GLMRIS Focus
3 Area 1 project manager.

4 For those of you wishing to speak
5 at our meeting, please note if you have
6 preregistered on the project website to give an
7 oral comment and have not checked into the
8 welcome table near the entrance, please do so
9 now. Also, if you've not registered and wish to
10 make a comment, please also go out and register
11 now.

12 The Corps of Engineers is hosting
13 seven public meetings throughout the study area
14 in an effort to provide opportunities for those
15 within the study area to provide comments on and
16 to learn about the GLMRIS report. This is our
17 second meeting of seven, and we're glad to have
18 you all with us.

19 The GLMRIS report in its entirety
20 can be viewed and downloaded from the GLMRIS
21 website, which is <http://glmris.anl.gov>. Our
22 GLMRIS team has organized this public meeting to
23 accomplish two goals. The first goal is to
24 present the information that is contained in the
25 GLMRIS report, and the second goal is to allow

1 you the opportunity to comment on the
2 information that is presented.

3 The Army Corps of Engineers will
4 be collecting comments through March 3rd of this
5 year. Comments will then be compiled and posted
6 on the GLMRIS website. For comments to be
7 formally included in this comment period, they
8 need to be given during an oral comment period
9 at one of these meetings, submitted as a written
10 comment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or
11 submitted as a web comment through our project
12 website.

13 If you have any questions or
14 concerns during the meeting or during the
15 presentation, please find someone with a red
16 lanyard, myself or the two out front, and we'll
17 try to help you out with anything that you have.

18 As mentioned previously, the
19 public comment period will run until
20 March 3rd of this year. As indicated on the
21 green agenda, the public meeting will begin with
22 a few speakers, a presentation about the GLMRIS
23 report, and then a public comment period. The
24 public comment period is scheduled to end at
25 7:00 p.m.

1 I am now going to turn it over to
2 Mr. John Goss, who is going to update you on
3 some of the Asian carp efforts.

4 MR. GOSS: Thank you. And it's good
5 to be in Wisconsin. I think as Kendall said,
6 this is the second week of four weeks of
7 traveling around the Great Lakes of -- we're
8 still relatively fresh, and I think this is
9 going to be good for all of us.

10 Thank you for coming on a Monday.
11 Certainly just by your presence, you indicate
12 that you really do care about protecting the
13 Great Lakes, and we're all here to work on the
14 strategy.

15 I am John Goss. I report to the
16 White House Council on Environmental Quality,
17 which is their environmental policy office; and
18 for the past three years I've coordinated the
19 federal, state, local agency projects to try to
20 make sure that we are keeping Asian carp out of
21 the Great Lakes, and certainly this GLMRIS
22 report is the major milestone that we're here to
23 talk about today.

24 This report is really complex,
25 and you'll see in the details in the next hour,

1 and I want to just mention a few things about
2 the process. This really is not the end. This
3 is more around the middle of the discussion.

4 We are giving the public and
5 everyone interested a chance to help us make the
6 decisions to narrow down the alternatives. The
7 Corps team has done an admirable job of laying
8 out the choices, and now we need to eliminate
9 some of those choices and prioritize hopefully
10 one, maybe two that we can really focus in on
11 and develop a long-term strategy.

12 Also, I want to comment, in your
13 book as you look at the Alternatives 1 through
14 8, I'm going to talk about 1 and 2 very quickly
15 here. Alternative 1 is an assumption that we
16 continue the Asian carp control projects that
17 are currently funded and being affected, and
18 that includes the electric barrier and the rest
19 of our strategy, which I'll run through real
20 quick in a minute.

21 And then Alternative 2 is
22 important, also. I ask you to please take a
23 look at it. Because of the long timelines
24 projected for the other strategies, these are
25 additional things that we can do that are not

1 structural, things that we can, in a coordinated
2 way in the Great Lakes states, do to slow the
3 advance of the invasive species that we're
4 concerned about. So keep those in mind as we
5 look at the other structural items.

6 The coordinated effort certainly
7 has been working, and we want to continue it.
8 We have a four-part strategy, which is an
9 effective electric barrier system on the Chicago
10 Area Waterway, the extensive monitoring and
11 response if needed if we find any fish that need
12 to be responded to. We have a number of other
13 control strategies that are being researched
14 that I'll speak to in a second and also the
15 GLMRIS report.

16 The key things that we are
17 involved in are improving that electric barrier.
18 The Corps of Engineers is building a new version
19 that is going to be even more effective. It
20 will be operational soon.

21 We are also field testing a
22 number of technologies for directly dealing with
23 the fish, a possible use of a toxicant that we
24 call a micro matrix that only would -- would be
25 toxic for Asian carp and not other fish.

1 We're also looking at carbon
2 dioxide, chlorine, ozone and a number of other
3 possible ways that we could work with the GLMRIS
4 lock treatment system that you're going to hear
5 about today.

6 Also, commercial harvesting of
7 fish continues in the Illinois River, and I
8 think over 200,000 fish were removed this past
9 year in that stretch about 50 miles below the
10 electric barrier. That's going to continue.

11 The netting of fish, fish
12 sampling above and below the barrier continues.
13 No Asian carp have been found above the barrier
14 except one fish three years ago, and Illinois
15 DNR and Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps
16 have biologists out there constantly sampling --
17 I think over 50,000 fish were netted and
18 identified this past year in 2013. Also,
19 environmental DNA testing will continue both in
20 the Chicago area and all around the Great Lakes.

21 Also, I want to comment on a
22 project that is nearing completion, reported a
23 preliminary risk assessment on the 18 other
24 sites across the Continental Divide from
25 New York to Minnesota where we have possible

1 water connections from head waters of streams in
2 both water basins. And on the left, you can see
3 that one was rated as high risk, and that is
4 Eagle Marsh in Fort Wayne, Indiana; seven were
5 rated medium risk, and we are following up with
6 the states to develop a strategy to deal with
7 each of those; and ten sites are rated low and
8 probably will not have follow-up projects.

9 On Eagle Marsh, if you're not
10 very familiar with, in Indiana we do have a
11 construction project being designed that would
12 give us a separation there to protect Lake Erie
13 and the Maumee from a connection with Wabash
14 River, and also we're pursuing sites in Ohio and
15 Indiana and Wisconsin to finish up those others.

16 There is a national strategy to
17 deal with the fish all over the Mississippi and
18 Ohio Basin; however, it's had very little
19 funding. Only about a half million dollars to
20 date has been put into working on the Asian carp
21 problem outside the Great Lakes. So I just want
22 you to know there is a plan. Fish and Wildlife
23 Service has a plan. It's still waiting for
24 funding.

25 And certainly, as we think about

1 today, how do we move forward. We're going to
2 need communication and support not just with the
3 eight Great Lakes states and the Canadian
4 provinces, but with the rest of the states that
5 are impacted and the Ohio River Basin, Upper
6 Mississippi, Lower Mississippi, Missouri River
7 Basin. All have a lot at stake with these
8 invasive species.

9 So through your networks, I would
10 suggest that you communicate with people you
11 know that are outside the immediate Great Lakes
12 area and help them understand the impact.

13 The Great Lakes have had a lot of
14 success when they work together, when the states
15 pull together, starting with the first big
16 invasive species project in the 1950s was sea
17 lamprey, and moving on to the Great Lakes Water
18 Quality Agreement, Great Lakes Compact, the
19 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that is
20 showing tremendous progress right now; and now
21 we're charged with coming up with a joint effort
22 to complete the project on Asian carp.

23 I just want to say, I think that
24 it could only happen with a lot of
25 collaboration, certainly from the administration

1 that I report to in Washington, they want to
2 hear from the region and what are the priorities
3 for moving forward. Members of Congress have
4 said they want to hear from their constituents
5 on what should be the priorities to move
6 forward. We need to work on a consensus on this
7 as soon as possible so that we can move forward
8 with what we do agree on.

9 Thank you for participating. We
10 look forward to your comments, and we've got
11 quite a bit of work to do, but this is an
12 important development, and I think you'll see
13 that the Corps has done a good job on bringing
14 the choices forward.

15 Colonel?

16 COLONEL DRUMMOND: Thank you very
17 much, John, and good evening to everybody. I
18 appreciate you coming out. This is a key moment
19 for the Great Lakes.

20 My name is Colonel Fred Drummond.
21 I'm the current Chicago District Commander, not
22 too far down the road, so, you know, we are very
23 passionate about our sister cities within the
24 Great Lakes, and I know this is a near and dear
25 topic to all of you.

1 On behalf of Brigadier General
2 Margaret Burcham, she's my division commander,
3 unfortunately she had other commitments, but she
4 will be in other meetings throughout the Great
5 Lakes to help convey the message that we're
6 trying to send here.

7 I would also like to thank
8 senatorial staff members that are in attendance
9 from Senator Baldwin, as well as Senator
10 Johnson. I appreciate your attendance tonight
11 and your forward dialogue on such a complex
12 topic as GLMRIS.

13 As you've heard, GLMRIS is a
14 complex study that examines opportunities to
15 prevent aquatic transfer of many ANS, not just
16 the fish like Asian carp, but other species
17 along the Great Lakes and Mississippi River
18 Divide.

19 In GLMRIS, Congress asks the
20 Corps to study a range of options and technology
21 available to prevent ANS movement between the
22 Great Lakes Mississippi River Basin through
23 aquatic connections. That's key, aquatic
24 connections. You will hear that throughout the
25 evening.

1 The GLMRIS report outlines a
2 variety of potential prevention models and
3 presents an evaluation criteria to help all
4 readers distinguish among the alternatives. The
5 purpose of the GLMRIS report is to paint an
6 objective picture of several alternatives and
7 offer decision makers, stakeholders and, more
8 importantly, the public, information about those
9 alternatives. The GLMRIS report does not make
10 recommendations nor does it prioritize the
11 plans.

12 Our GLMRIS team is one that
13 spreads across the country, has worked
14 painstakingly on this report in close
15 coordination with federal, state and local,
16 nongovernment and tribal stakeholders. We
17 strove to ensure decision makers and the public
18 can be well-informed on the various ways to
19 prevent the transfer of ANS through the Chicago
20 Area Waterway System.

21 As Mr. Wethington will describe
22 further in a few moments, the GLMRIS report
23 identifies eight potential alternatives. These
24 alternatives range from the continuation of
25 current efforts, as John just mentioned, to the

1 complete and hydraulic separation of watershed.

2 This report is unique in
3 comparison to most Corps of Engineers reports in
4 that it identifies a range of options and is
5 adaptable for the incorporation of future
6 technologies.

7 For example, many of the
8 nonstructural measures, as you see outlined over
9 here, in the GLMRIS report can be implemented
10 immediately by various federal, state or local
11 agencies subject to applicable authorities and
12 availability of resources.

13 Apart from GLMRIS, the Corps will
14 continue to address the issues of invasive
15 species by participating in the Asian Carp
16 Regional Coordination Committee, operating the
17 existing barriers which is near Romeoville,
18 Illinois, and participating in research and
19 extensive monitoring of the waterways with our
20 state and federal partners.

21 Prevention of the spread of
22 aquatic nuisance species is -- and you'll hear
23 this several times -- a shared responsibility
24 among federal, state and local agencies as well
25 as the public. The Corps remains dedicated,

1 working alongside our partners and moving
2 forward as our authorities allow. We must
3 reduce the risk to the maximum extent possible.

4 I sincerely appreciate your
5 continued interest and involvement in GLMRIS. I
6 look forward to hearing your comments tonight
7 about the alternatives presented in the report
8 and continuing the conversation towards shaping
9 our future decisions on long-term ANS.

10 Now, I just want to leave you
11 with a few points. You heard earlier eight
12 potential alternatives which we'll lay out
13 tonight. You're going to hear a term 13 Aquatic
14 Nuisance Species; you're also going to hear 90
15 different technologies. You have the book.
16 It's a summary; 25 pages, sort of a small
17 primer.

18 I think it will ramp you up --
19 like a Danielle Steel book, it's going to ramp
20 you up to read the 232 pages; and then as Dave
21 mentioned, there's a whole host of appendices
22 out there that range up to probably in excess of
23 about 10,000.

24 I mentioned earlier there's over
25 a hundred different Corps of Engineers personnel

1 involved from 19 different Corps agencies, all
2 the way from Jacksonville up to Seattle. So
3 this has been a very holistic and very complex
4 undertaking. In anything like this, the Corps
5 of Engineers has always had a dedicated PM, and
6 now it's with my great pleasure to turn the
7 floor over -- you'll hear about 18 different
8 slides -- to Dave Wethington. Dave.

9 MR. WETHINGTON: Thank you. Well,
10 thank you, sir, and thank you all for coming out
11 this afternoon, this evening.

12 My name, again, Dave Wethington.
13 I am the project manager for the U.S. Army Corps
14 and GLMRIS, and I'm very happy to be speaking
15 with you here today. I'm going to spend about
16 maybe 15, 20 minutes going over some of the
17 background information with regard to the study,
18 as well as spend a few minutes talking about
19 each one of the alternatives.

20 Now, I'm much more relaxed today,
21 I think, than I was at the Chicago meeting.
22 I've got a smaller audience, so it's kind of
23 like family; keep things a little more informal
24 perhaps.

25 We have some of the banners that

1 discuss each of the individual alternatives up
2 front here. So after -- perhaps after the
3 comment period, I'd encourage anyone to kind of
4 step up and take a look at some of the ideas,
5 some of concepts that are in the report.

6 As Colonel Drummond mentioned,
7 also, I hope everyone has one of these books.
8 My discussion this afternoon is really going to
9 kind of follow the synopsis within the GLMRIS
10 summary report. It's a product that we felt was
11 very important to make sure that we could get
12 this information to our public and try and make
13 it something that's at least reasonable. At
14 least for myself I'm pouring through 200 and
15 some pages sometimes.

16 All right. So the scope of
17 GLMRIS really asks us to -- the congressional
18 authorization for GLMRIS asked us to do a couple
19 things; asked us to look at the prevention of
20 transfer of aquatic nuisance species between the
21 Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins through
22 aquatic pathways.

23 And so along this slide here, you
24 see this brown line. The brown line is that
25 basin divide between the Great Lakes and

1 Mississippi River Basin. That is the focus of
2 our study. As John mentioned previously, there
3 has been a lot of great work that has been done
4 in what we call Focus Area 2, so all along that
5 basin divide, trying to identify where the
6 potential pathways are.

7 In July of 2012, we received
8 legislation that really helped us kind of focus
9 the study within the GLMRIS report itself and
10 which asked us to look at the Chicago Area
11 Waterway System.

12 The majority of my presentation
13 today will speak to the CAWS, as we call it, the
14 Chicago Area Waterway System, and the focus is
15 on the CAWS. It does speak a little bit -- one
16 of the 14 appendices that Colonel Drummond
17 mentioned does speak to Focus Area 2, as well as
18 there's a wealth of information on the project
19 website that speaks to each of the pathway
20 assessments. So I encourage you to visit that
21 website, glmris.anl.gov, to find out more.

22 The Chicago Area Waterway System
23 itself is very complex, and I'll spend just a
24 couple minutes on this map just to help
25 everyone, make sure they're familiarized with

1 the complexities of the waterways.

2 The Chicago Area Waterway System
3 is a series -- it's a compilation of both
4 natural and artificial aquatic pathways. So the
5 Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, which is kind
6 of the main connection that started the
7 intersection of the two basins, which can be
8 seen right in the middle of the map there, was
9 completed in about 1900. That served to connect
10 the two waterways and served to really bridge
11 the gap for what now we call the -- kind of the
12 invasive species, the aquatic nuisance species
13 highway.

14 The waterways themselves
15 currently are used for three main things that we
16 identify within the GLMRIS report; primarily
17 navigation, water quality and water conveyance.

18 For example, the total volume in
19 the Chicago River on a daily basis can range
20 from 65 to 85 percent municipal treated
21 wastewater. So when you're looking, then, at
22 volumetric flow, it serves as a huge conduit for
23 treated wastewater to leave the Chicagoland
24 region.

25 It also serves as a tool for

1 flood risk management. The same pathways allow
2 rainwater to be channeled away from different
3 buildings, different residences within the
4 Chicagoland area, and allow water to move
5 efficiently.

6 I mentioned it was 1900 when the
7 first channel was completed, the Chicago
8 Sanitary and Ship Canal, and so the city has
9 grown up for the past over hundred years with
10 water flowing essentially away from Lake
11 Michigan. So these complexities, these multiple
12 uses of the Chicago Area Waterway System really
13 make it a challenge when looking at ways to
14 prevent the transfer of Aquatic Nuisance
15 Species.

16 The GLMRIS report itself is
17 really a tool for decision makers. It presents
18 a range of alternatives, and I'll spend a moment
19 in speaking to each one of them, but primarily
20 it provides what we call evaluation criteria.
21 So basically, elements of each different
22 alternative, whether they be costs, relative
23 effectiveness or potential impacts to the
24 environment or economic uses of the system to
25 help decision makers really compare the

1 trade-offs between one alternative and the
2 other.

3 There would be -- for any further
4 decision making to occur, there would be
5 additional analysis that would be necessary
6 prior to moving to construction with any one of
7 these alternatives presented by this report. We
8 have presented a very conceptual level of design
9 and a conceptual level of costs that are kind of
10 commensurate with that design level.

11 So additional analyses would
12 include additional detailed design or perhaps
13 compliance on the National Environmental Policy
14 Act, compliance documentation under NEPA. So
15 there would be -- this work would be required
16 for each one of the potential alternatives if
17 you were to move forward to a construction
18 phase.

19 However, what we found in the
20 report is that the costs and the designs really
21 help, again, add to that evaluation criteria,
22 help add to the ability to discern among the
23 different alternatives and really look at the
24 pros and cons depending on what your specific
25 point of view may be.

1 When you look at GLMRIS, we try
2 to do three things. We looked at identifying
3 connections. We looked at identifying species.
4 Colonel Drummond spoke to 13 Aquatic Nuisance
5 Species of concern. Those came from a list of
6 over 200 that we initially identified as
7 potentially invasive in the two basins.

8 We also identified Aquatic
9 Nuisance Species controls. Colonel Drummond,
10 again, mentioned about 90 different controls
11 that we initially identified as potentially
12 useful in the study. We went through a plan and
13 formulation process where we looked at those
14 connections, again, the Chicago Area Waterway
15 System; the species that had transferred between
16 the basins and those controls, and used that
17 information along with background, baseline
18 information about economies, about the
19 environment, to formulate the alternatives and
20 all the information that's contained within the
21 GLMRIS report and its appendices.

22 A couple of technologies that I'd
23 like to highlight this afternoon, as I speak to
24 them, at least introduce them a little bit,
25 our -- the list we have up on the slide. We

1 start off with various simple concepts such as
2 physical separation or concepts you may have
3 heard of before such as electric barriers. We
4 use specifically electric barriers to address
5 those species that swim in the water.

6 So when we're looking to evaluate
7 and identify different aquatic nuisance species
8 controls, we looked at the way that species move
9 through the aquatic pathway. Essentially, you
10 either swim, you float or you hitchhike. You're
11 assisted by transferring through the aquatic
12 pathway on the hull of a barge or the hull of a
13 recreational boat. So we looked at identifying
14 controls that would essentially target each of
15 those paths of movement.

16 One of the more novel concepts
17 that has come out of the GLMRIS report is the
18 concept of the GLMRIS lock. Essentially, it is
19 very similar to a lock structure, as you might
20 be familiar with, where instead of being fed by
21 gravity, we now introduce pumps at both ends of
22 the system that allow water to flush through the
23 lock; thereby removing those Aquatic Nuisance
24 Species that float within the lock.

25 Water for that -- ANS-treated

1 water is supplied by the Aquatic Nuisance
2 Species treatment plants. So in many of the
3 scenarios, you'll see GLMRIS locks partnered
4 with aquatic nuisance species treatment plants
5 and then, for example, electric barriers. So
6 you can hit several different modes of transfer.
7 You hit the swimmers and you hit the floaters,
8 and you try and control those species that are
9 passed between the basins.

10 So now, I'll begin to go through
11 each one of these alternatives. You can kind of
12 follow along in your book if you'd like. On the
13 lower left-hand corner of the slide are the
14 alternative plans listed.

15 So the first alternative, as John
16 and Colonel Drummond mentioned, is our baseline
17 alternative. We call it the "No New Federal
18 Action" plan. I kind of prefer to call it
19 sustained activities.

20 The reason for that is that we
21 won't cease activities, and there's a lot of
22 important work that has been going on as the
23 previous speakers highlighted, and that will
24 continue on into the future; activities from
25 local resource agencies like states, trying to

1 combat aquatic nuisance species, such as those
2 you see up on the slide, as well as Corps
3 specific activities like operation and
4 maintenance of the electric barriers, as well as
5 continued optimization and construction of those
6 systems.

7 The second alternative that we
8 focus on within the GLMRIS report -- and each
9 one of these alternatives certainly builds upon
10 the next. The first, as you probably made note,
11 was basically our baseline. It was an
12 alternative to compare future alternatives --
13 the remainder of the alternatives against to see
14 what kind of additional risk reduction we might
15 see with the implementation of control
16 technologies.

17 So alternative two is
18 nonstructural controls, and essentially, these
19 are any type of controls that can be implemented
20 without building a physical structure. Some
21 examples include active management, public
22 education for our new laws and regulations.

23 So, for example, active
24 management. If we were to identify a species of
25 concern like a plant that was located in a

1 specific area, could we potentially go and use
2 aquatic herbicides through management techniques
3 to essentially prevent the transfer of this
4 plant. And that's kind of the scenario that we
5 anticipated with regard to active management.

6 The same goes for, you know, new
7 laws and regulations or public education. We
8 see each of these as best management practices.
9 So we've included elements of this --
10 nonstructural measures in each of these
11 subsequent alternatives.

12 Is it, for example, a good idea
13 to ensure that the public is aware that bait
14 bucket transfer is a significant route of
15 aquatic nuisance species transfer between the
16 basins. And so we've estimated, at a very
17 general level, the amount of costs that
18 potentially we could include to implement a wide
19 array of nonstructural measures across that
20 watershed divide.

21 The estimated cost is about
22 \$68 million, but it's a very -- I believe it's a
23 very conservative cost in that it could
24 certainly be optimized to try and target those
25 species that are perhaps best controlled through

1 these nonstructural measures. The unique part
2 about nonstructural measures is they also can be
3 implemented tomorrow, given that a particular
4 resource agency has the appropriate authorities
5 and resources to go.

6 Our third alternative is the
7 first of two technology alternatives that we
8 include within the report. I won't spend a
9 whole lot of time going through the details of
10 each of these alternatives because, again, we
11 have the banners up here, as well as I think
12 everyone in the room has the summary books which
13 speak to them in detail.

14 But I just want to spend a couple
15 minutes talking about some of the pros and cons
16 for each these. The flow bypass alternative, as
17 we call it, provides two two-way control points
18 for aquatic nuisance species.

19 So there are points within the
20 Chicago Area Waterway System where we attempt to
21 control the bidirectional transfer of Aquatic
22 Nuisance Species. To that effect, we use a
23 GLMRIS lock paired or bookended with a pair of
24 electric barriers to allow navigation to
25 continue through the system, but we run the

1 majority of the flow of the Chicago Area
2 Waterway System through a dedicated Aquatic
3 Nuisance Species treatment plant.

4 So essentially, we've rerouted
5 the flow of the entire river at two points
6 through a plant. It's similar to a wastewater
7 treatment plant, but this one treats just for
8 aquatic nuisance species. So we run the entire
9 volume, and therefore, remove a great volume of
10 aquatic nuisance species through this process.

11 There are some challenges with
12 regard to this because, as you can imagine, the
13 size of the plant needs to be pretty large to
14 deal with the primary focus, and then when you
15 have significant precipitation, such as we do
16 sometimes in the Chicagoland area, you can see
17 flows which are 10 or 20 times order of
18 magnitude as you see in dry weather flows.

19 So instead of building a plant
20 that may be 10 or 20 or 50 times the size it
21 needs to be to treat those occurrences which
22 happen maybe once every year, every five years,
23 every 50 years, we instead include mitigation of
24 the structure for flood risk. So it's a series
25 of tunnels and reservoirs that will capture and

1 hold any additional precipitation, additional
2 flood waters within the system.

3 These flood risk mitigation
4 measures are what contribute a significant
5 amount to the cost of this system -- the cost of
6 this alternative, as well as the estimated time
7 of completion. As is noted on the bottom of the
8 slide, we looked at about 25 years with a total
9 cost of about \$15.5 billion.

10 The second technology alternative
11 is what we call the CAWS buffer zone. So as
12 opposed to having two single bidirectional
13 control points, what we do is instead separate
14 the system and bookend the system with one-way
15 check points.

16 We have a series of one-way
17 controls along the -- around the shores of Lake
18 Michigan, as well as those entrance canals from
19 Lake Michigan, as well as another single control
20 point down at the bottom of the system. So
21 we've created what we call a buffer zone or an
22 aquatic nuisance species control zone in between
23 these two one-way check points.

24 What you see in white is operated
25 as an aquatic nuisance species control zone, and

1 so we imagine that there aren't any elements of
2 those aquatic nuisance species of concern free
3 in that system. Some of the advantages to this
4 is that it allows us to maintain waterways as we
5 do today. It also allows us to monitor and use
6 that buffer zone as a zone where we can try and
7 detect early movement of species between basins.

8 Because only a small amount of
9 flood risk management infrastructure needed to
10 be constructed, and that would be for two
11 barriers that we include as part of this
12 scenario, the total time to complete is
13 significantly reduced in this technology
14 alternative with a total cost of about
15 \$7.8 billion over a span of about ten years.

16 Alternative plans 5 and 6 are the
17 two physical separation alternatives, and they
18 basically have a different take on where you put
19 the barriers and what kind of impacts you may
20 have on the system and on the existing uses and
21 users of the CAWS.

22 Alternative plan 5 puts physical
23 barriers near the lakefront as you can see on
24 the slide behind me. In this sense, you've
25 essentially limited the ability for water to

1 flow back out into Lake Michigan, and you've
2 limited the ability for water to be transferred
3 as it currently can be today. So therefore,
4 again, you have a significant cost in
5 constructing infrastructure to help mitigate
6 that additional flood risk that would come with
7 creating these physical barriers in the system.

8 Because we're building
9 significant amounts of tunnels and reservoirs
10 and associated infrastructure, the time to
11 complete is significant at about 25 years with a
12 cost of about \$18.4 billion.

13 The second of the two hydrologic
14 separation scenarios is the mid-system, and so
15 as opposed to having individual points along
16 Lake Michigan where we try and block the
17 transfer, put up physical barriers, now we're
18 going to institute two barriers in the
19 mid-system orientation, very similar to that
20 very first technology alternative I described.

21 Here, you have the significant
22 infrastructure which would be necessary to
23 mitigate for environmental impacts to the
24 Chicago Area Waterway System. Once you
25 construct a physical barrier in the middle of

1 the system, at these two points, you open up the
2 majority, the rest of the Chicago Area Waterway
3 System to Lake Michigan. There is significant
4 pollution that can result from the discharge of
5 combined sewer outfalls, as well as that large
6 volume of flow for existing wastewater treatment
7 infrastructure, which would need to be dealt
8 with.

9 So we thought of a couple ways to
10 deal with that. We could either put in really
11 good wastewater treatment plants that would
12 clean up the wastewater streams to kind of --
13 down to the nth molecule or we could simply
14 reroute those wastewater streams as they are
15 routed currently today and have them continue
16 downstream, which is what we've chosen in this
17 particular scenario.

18 The reason why we haven't cleaned
19 up the water to perhaps Lake Michigan water
20 quality standards is because the initial cost
21 and the long-term operation and maintenance is
22 significant. There are some rules about
23 introducing new pollutants into significant
24 natural resources, which we partnered with our
25 state regulatory agencies and helped us make

1 this decision to reroute those discharges to
2 points downstream of the barriers.

3 There's also significant
4 pollution within the sediments, so the mud in
5 the bottom of the Chicago Area Waterway System.
6 So we include costs in the scenario to dredge up
7 or to excavate all that mud and the contaminated
8 sediments and dispose of them appropriately.
9 Hence, you get, again, a significant time for
10 completion, about 25 years at a significant
11 cost, about \$15.5 billion.

12 The last two scenarios are
13 hybrids of the technologies and the physical
14 separations. While I didn't spend a whole lot
15 of time talking about it today, you could
16 essentially split the Chicago Area Waterway
17 System into two sections. There's an upper
18 section and a lower section.

19 So these two hybrids essentially
20 place a physical barrier on either the upper or
21 the lower, while allowing navigation and
22 existing uses to continue along the opposite
23 one.

24 So for this one, hybrid with the
25 Cal-Sag Channel. For those of you that are

1 probably familiar with the Cal-Sag, it's this
2 lower channel of the two systems. In that
3 system, we place the technologies and place a
4 physical barrier on the upper part of the
5 system.

6 In the alternate one, you keep
7 the top part of the system open, the Chicago
8 Sanitary and Ship Canal, placing the physical
9 barrier on the lower part of the system. So
10 essentially it's splitting the difference
11 between a full physical separation and a full
12 technology scenario. So we included these two
13 as comparable alternatives. You'll notice that
14 they are a little bit unique in the fact that
15 one is significantly more expensive to construct
16 than the other, at almost twice the cost.

17 And that's, again, due to all of
18 the mitigation for water quality and flood risk
19 that's necessary to be constructed as part of
20 this specific scenario.

21 I mentioned at the outset of the
22 discussion today that the report is an excellent
23 tool for decision makers, and the reason why is
24 we have discussed a number of different
25 evaluation criteria within the report; anything

1 from the effectiveness of the controls to the
2 costs to the duration for implementation and how
3 perhaps regulatory acceptable is a particular
4 alternative.

5 All this information can be used
6 in a trade-off analysis by decision makers such
7 as members of the public or your elected
8 officials to try and come up with a kind of
9 collaborative path forward on which one of these
10 alternatives provide the best benefits and
11 challenges to the multiple stakeholders that are
12 part of this conversation.

13 I'll wrap up my discussion today
14 and move on to the important part, which is to
15 listen to everyone here speak, by leaving you
16 with a few thoughts.

17 As I kind of discussed, each one
18 of the costs and the significant times for
19 duration for construction is really attributable
20 to the mitigation necessary for each one of
21 these alternatives. I'm not going to stand here
22 and tell you that it's going to take me 25 years
23 to put a dam in the water. That's certainly not
24 the case.

25 What I will tell you is it will

1 take 25 years to construct the infrastructure,
2 any tunnels and the reservoirs that would be
3 necessary to ensure that the residents of
4 Chicago or the outlying suburbs don't have
5 basements that are flooded or that we don't
6 adversely impact the water quality in a
7 significant natural resource like Lake Michigan.

8 No matter what, with each one of
9 these alternatives there will be some residual
10 risks that remain. Some of the primary residual
11 risks are the other modes of transport that I
12 alluded to, like bait bucket transfer, human
13 transfer, we call it, ways that a species can
14 move between the basins even if we had a
15 significant time and resource-intensive
16 infrastructure solution.

17 Each one of the controls -- each
18 one of the alternatives that we described in the
19 report have a different level that they can be
20 adaptively managed, and we spent a little time
21 in the report talking about that. It's an
22 important kind of -- an important piece for each
23 one of these that we do discuss and try and
24 answer these couple questions that we have up on
25 the slide.

1 Finally, and Colonel Drummond
2 mentioned it, and I know Mr. Goss mentioned it,
3 as well, is the aquatic nuisance species control
4 is a shared responsibility, and that's why we're
5 here speaking with you tonight and listening to
6 your input.

7 Any of the alternatives that
8 we've presented today would likely, you know,
9 take some infrastructure or take some resource
10 contribution by a wide variety of stakeholders.
11 So we're looking for your input, as well as
12 input from stakeholders and decision makers on
13 what we feel is the most appropriate path
14 forward.

15 As Kendall introduced, we are
16 going to a number of different cities to kind of
17 spread this message and to hear from our
18 constituencies. We have a number of different
19 meetings. We started the first two kind of
20 focused in on the Lake Michigan basin within
21 Chicago and Milwaukee. Then we'll be spreading
22 out to hit different cities in the Great Lakes
23 Basin, as well as on the Mississippi River.

24 With that, I think I'm going to
25 conclude and thank each one of you for your time

1 here today. I will turn the conversation back
2 to our moderator, Kendall, and with that, I
3 really look forward to hearing what each of you
4 have to say and what you'd like to contribute as
5 a path forward with regard to GLMRIS.

6 Thank you for your time.

7 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, Dave, and
8 John and Colonel Drummond for your talks.

9 Before we get into the formal
10 oral comment period, I would like to thank
11 Colonel Drummond for hosting us here tonight,
12 and I would also, again, like to remind you that
13 the study website shown here is a great source
14 of information. Again, the GLMRIS report in its
15 entirety can be viewed and downloaded from the
16 website if you go there at your leisure.

17 Now we're going to move into the
18 comment period for tonight. Those who indicated
19 on your yellow comment registration forms that
20 you'd like to make a comment or ask a question
21 will be given the opportunity to do so now.

22 Normally, we have a more formal
23 process where I have a timer that runs down
24 three minutes. Currently, I have only six
25 people registered to speak. So if all of you

1 here are willing to be respectful of each
2 other's time and not monopolize the microphones,
3 would you be willing to waive that normal
4 process? I'm just looking for a couple head
5 nods. All right. I got a thumbs up in the
6 back.

7 So I'm going to run through --
8 five people registered on our website before the
9 meeting tonight, so I'm going to call those
10 people to the microphone in order first. I'll
11 call the first name, and then I'll mention the
12 next two behind them. Jim Bredin here in the
13 front row, he's going to help you out with the
14 microphone if you need assistance.

15 So we'll just ask you to come
16 down, step into this microphone, and then make
17 your comments there. After that, I'll move to
18 the persons that have registered here at the
19 meeting that did not do so before the meeting.

20 I'd like to mention that we have
21 a stenographer with us tonight. She's sitting
22 down here up front. She is going to be
23 reporting any of your comments or questions. So
24 I ask that when you come to the microphone to
25 make an oral comment or to ask a question of the

1 panel, please first give your name, any
2 organization that you're representing and then
3 your zip code. We ask that you speak into the
4 microphone and speak slowly so that she can
5 record those vital pieces of data.

6 If you do not give us your name
7 and zip code, we will not be able to formally
8 record your comment in the oral comment period.
9 That's your desire if you wish.

10 So moving on, we're going to now
11 hear from people that preregistered to speak.
12 So first at the microphone may I have Miss Mary
13 Jean Huston. Then following her will be Joan
14 Rothenberg, and then after her, Mr. Ken Fries.
15 And I apologize if I'm mispronouncing any of
16 your names. One of the reasons that we ask you
17 to say your name is in case I did that.

18 MS. HUSTON: I am Mary Jean Huston
19 with The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin, and my
20 zip code is 53703.

21 And first, I would like to thank
22 you for the opportunity to speak today and also
23 thank Army Corps of Engineers for all of the
24 work that has gone into this issue.

25 The cost of doing no new actions

1 is not zero. It could, in fact, be very
2 expensive. There are real economic costs
3 associated with the spread of Aquatic Invasive
4 Species.

5 Aquatic Invasive Species cost
6 businesses and consumers in the Great Lakes
7 Region hundreds of millions of dollars annually
8 in direct costs and even more from indirect
9 costs related to removal, maintenance, and
10 management of those species. This is from a
11 2012 report from the Anderson Economic Group.

12 An example of just one component
13 of these costs is that our sport and commercial
14 fisheries, which could be devastated by the carp
15 and other invasives, are valued at over
16 \$7 billion annually. In this context, the costs
17 of ecological separation don't seem as dramatic.

18 The Chicago Area Waterway System
19 is a two-way highway for Aquatic Invasive
20 Species. The U.S. Army Corps' Interbasin study
21 limited its assessment to 13 species of current
22 concern, but the Great Lakes and Mississippi
23 River Basins need a solution that considers the
24 full range of potentially invasive species.
25 Stopping all Aquatic Invasive Species moving in

1 both directions is vital to protecting two of
2 the world's largest and most important
3 freshwater resources.

4 Any solution to the passage of
5 Aquatic Invasive Species through the Chicago
6 Area Waterway System must accomplish three
7 things; stop invasive species from moving
8 through the Chicago Area Waterway System in both
9 directions, stop all invasives, not just Asian
10 carp, and work must begin as soon as possible to
11 reduce the risk of Aquatic Invasive Species
12 movement through the Chicago Area Waterway.

13 The timelines for options in the
14 report are too long. 25 years is unacceptable.
15 The economic risks are too high to wait that
16 long. The Army Corps study shows that there are
17 viable options that achieve long-term
18 environmental separation while maintaining
19 crucial transportation and economic activity.

20 With the excellent information
21 gathered by the Army Corps and others, we must
22 develop practical interim measures now that can
23 move us forward quickly to reduce the risk of
24 Aquatic Invasive Species moving into or out of
25 the Great Lakes. Thank you.

1 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, ma'am.

2 Next to the microphone, Miss Joan
3 Rothenberg. And before the next comment -- this
4 is a note. If you have prepared a written
5 comment that you're reading from, if you
6 wouldn't mind tonight leaving it with the
7 stenographer at the end of the meeting. It will
8 help us to make sure we ensure accuracy in the
9 comments that are recorded.

10 MS. ROTHENBERG: I've already
11 submitted mine -- my written comment. I am Joan
12 Rothenberg, so that was pretty close; and I
13 really appreciate the opportunity to speak as a
14 member of the public. I wish there were more of
15 me here.

16 I also have to say, having read
17 the summary a couple of times, I am so impressed
18 by the clarity and just the fineness with which
19 it's done, and the painstaking work that
20 Commander Drummond mentioned shows. I think it
21 really shows.

22 I am, as I said, Joan Rothenberg.
23 I am from Evanston, Illinois 60201, and I'm here
24 as a concerned citizen. All of my available
25 time is spent by choice studying and exploring

1 the Great Lakes. So I can say with a lay --
2 only a layperson's authority who has really paid
3 a lot of attention over half a decade; I spend
4 really all my time reading and exploring, that
5 we who live in the Great Lakes Basin are the
6 luckiest people on earth.

7 The experts I have come to
8 respect over the years for the most part promote
9 a permanent and complete hydrologic separation
10 as the only constructive, forward-looking way to
11 go. And the Army Corps report identifies
12 separation, at least in my reading, as the most
13 effective way to keep invasives from moving
14 between the two watersheds.

15 None of the experts takes lightly
16 the change this will require of individuals,
17 communities, cities, and industries that have
18 thrived as a result of CAWS. The more I know
19 about this treasure, the Great Lakes, the more
20 it is clear that it is -- the more clear it is
21 that 18 billion is a small price to pay to
22 protect a region whose dollar value is
23 inestimable.

24 Or as people said on Friday,
25 which I listened to the webinar -- and it was

1 also surprisingly well done, clear, I've
2 attended a lot of webinars where you can't hear,
3 and there's some kind of technical glitch. It
4 was so well done.

5 But as people said on Friday, if
6 we let in more invasives, the 18 billion is
7 going to look really small. Even the most
8 expensive plan is cheap, and this was a
9 stunningly clear picture.

10 Indiana's Attorney General, Greg
11 Zoeller, pointed out on Friday that no one water
12 skis on the Wabash River anymore because of
13 Asian carp, and that soon there will be no
14 smallmouth bass.

15 What about the fact, also,
16 that -- and I think I -- I'm not sure which
17 option it is now; I was clear a while ago. But
18 at least one of the options stops our continuing
19 to allow our effluent to go down the
20 Mississippi. What about the fact that we are
21 major contributors to the dead zone in the Gulf
22 of Mexico? It's not right for now, and it's not
23 right for the future.

24 It must have made sense in the
25 past, 100 years ago, but it is no longer the

1 responsible thing to do; and our Canadian
2 friends aren't going to be thrilled with us if
3 more damaging invasives get in via Chicago.
4 They have to do their part, but so do we.

5 The Great Lakes region has led
6 the continent before in terms of development,
7 even before Europeans got here. I have no doubt
8 that with the truly exquisite natural resources
9 we have, and with -- I'm not from the Midwest,
10 but I have come to regard Midwest temperament
11 very highly -- with Midwest temperament, we can
12 lead the way for the continent and perhaps the
13 world as a model for how to protect what we
14 have, and therefore, thrive successfully,
15 thoughtfully balancing resources as the world's
16 resources become increasingly stressed.

17 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, ma'am.

18 Next, we would like to invite
19 Mr. Ken Fries to the microphone. Then after him
20 will be Miss Cheryl Nenn, and then Mr. Mark
21 Pass.

22 MR. FRIES: Good evening. My name is
23 Ken Fries, you pronounced that right, F-r-i-e-s,
24 and zip code is 53150.

25 Just a little background on

1 myself, I'm president of the Little Muskego Lake
2 Association. That's a lake that's approximately
3 20 miles to the west of here. I've been -- and
4 also as a private citizen as well.

5 But my whole life -- just about
6 my whole life I've been in this area in the
7 southeast corner of the state, and I have seen
8 horrific rains, storm events. I think within
9 the last 15 years I think I've seen two 200-year
10 storm events. So structures that have been
11 built don't make it; they fail.

12 There is a deep tunnel sewer
13 system here. I don't know if you're familiar
14 with that, but there's been overflows there,
15 too, and that's been going on for -- I think
16 that's probably 20 years, if not even longer
17 than that.

18 I've looked at your report, and,
19 again, I compliment all the work that was put
20 down on that, quite technical. I'm a civil
21 engineer, so I can understand a good part of
22 that. As far as what plan I'd choose at this
23 point, I don't really know if I have an answer,
24 but I can say that Plan No. 1 and Plan No. 2
25 definitely should be implemented as soon as

1 possible.

2 I've noticed on our lake, too, we
3 have a carp population of common carp, and we've
4 actually had carp shoots out there where we
5 actually shoot those with bow and arrow. Now, I
6 know we can't do that in the Great Lakes Basin,
7 but I've learned a lot.

8 What we are -- the fish that we
9 have pulled out of the lake -- and by the way,
10 those are recycled in the fertilizers. So what
11 you take out of the Chicago River can be
12 beneficially used. In some of these events that
13 we've had, we're seeing larger fish, not small
14 ones, so that means they're not propagating. In
15 the discussions I've had with the DNR, the
16 Wisconsin DNR said we have a high panfish count,
17 and those fish are eating up the spawn of the
18 carp.

19 So I mean, I don't know if that's
20 one thing that's been looked at as far as just,
21 you know -- I'm not talking about other invasive
22 species, but other common fish that might be
23 able to help out on making sure there's not any
24 eggs that are hatching.

25 Another concern I have, too, is

1 for migratory water fowl. What happens when
2 some goose lands in the Chicago River and then
3 takes off our way? How are you ever going to
4 get that? That's why I think that it's
5 important that you look at some of these other
6 methods.

7 I heard earlier about a
8 biological and maybe some genetic type
9 exploration. I totally agree with that.
10 There's got to be someone out there, some group,
11 somebody that can say, "I think I gotta agree
12 with you, do it."

13 And you know, another thought,
14 too, is what's going down in Mississippi. These
15 carp have been down there for -- is it dead
16 water, and is it -- I mean, are they doing
17 anything down there? There's got to be
18 something that can be shared.

19 And I think, too, that the
20 comment that was made about the sea lampreys,
21 and I can remember that back in the '60s, when
22 the Coho salmon and the Snook families were all
23 introduced. That's what was mentioned with the
24 last speaker. That's a tremendous fishing
25 opportunity. And that sea lamprey problem and

1 the alewife problem went away, too. So I mean,
2 that's something to look at.

3 And then another question or
4 comment I had here, too, is, you know, with all
5 of the fish hockeying and everything, are any of
6 these carp tagged, like electronically, so we
7 can actually see where these things are going?
8 I think that's critical, too, because I keep
9 hearing, well, they're X amount of miles away
10 from getting into Lake Michigan. Then I hear
11 well, no, it's further back. Well, what is it?
12 So I mean, those are some of my general
13 comments.

14 I also certainly support the idea
15 of the electroshocking, but then I've read
16 comments, too, that if the current's too strong,
17 well, then with boats carrying flammable
18 materials, there's a potential fire problem. So
19 that's certainly an issue, but then if it's not
20 strong enough, then I hear some of these fish,
21 too, are being dragged in with the prop wash.
22 Those are some technical issues to solve.

23 So anyway, those are my thoughts
24 that I had right now, but I definitely would
25 support the Plan 1, Plan 2, at least get started

1 as soon as possible. And with our legislators
2 here, I hope they take that information back to
3 D.C. Thank you.

4 MR. WETHINGTON: Thanks for your time.
5 Thanks for your comments.

6 I just want to make a quick
7 comment that we are doing -- we're partnering
8 with a number of the different agencies, you
9 know, folks like Mr. Goss having a federal as
10 well as a state kind of partnership toward
11 looking into the wide variety of things that can
12 be done with regard to existing species like
13 Asian carp, as well as looking into the future.

14 So we very much appreciate your
15 comments, and please note that there is a
16 significant amount of effort that is currently
17 ongoing and will likely continue to be evolving
18 in the future.

19 MR. FRIES: I appreciate the comments
20 tonight, too, because I can see that. I was
21 sort of skeptical ahead of that, but now being
22 here and reading the report, I can see that
23 there's been some massive work done.

24 COLONEL DRUMMOND: Let me go ahead and
25 just hit on a couple of things that you had

1 mentioned.

2 First of all, the DNRs are taking
3 a very aggressive step, especially in Illinois.
4 I can tell you I've been out there firsthand out
5 of uniform pulling nets off the water. They --
6 and I say this a lot -- the fishermen that are
7 netting down there understand Asian carp to no
8 end. They understand the dynamics, and they
9 understand how they operate, they understand how
10 to net them; and we've been doing that for the
11 last couple years, and there is a change
12 occurring.

13 I would submit that if you go to
14 the DNR website, there's a location there that
15 talks about what they have netted over the last
16 couple of years, and that will give you sort of
17 a snapshot of what they're doing down there and
18 what we're going to continue to do.

19 We have also tagged non-Asian
20 carp fish, and the tagging is in the thousand of
21 detections with no passage through the barrier
22 whatsoever in the last couple years.

23 So there is a lot of different
24 things. It's a very complex undertaking, as you
25 had mentioned, and I would applaud you because I

1 think the DNRs need to continue to take an
2 aggressive role on working with the ACRC, as
3 well as other agencies in dealing with the Asian
4 carp. Thank you.

5 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, Colonel
6 Drummond. Next, Miss Cheryl Nenn.

7 MS. NENN: Good afternoon, and thank
8 you. My name is Cheryl Nenn. I'm here today on
9 behalf of Milwaukee River Keeper. We're a
10 nonprofit organization. We were started in
11 1995, and our mission is to protect water
12 quality, wildlife habitat in the Milwaukee River
13 Basin.

14 I'm also a member of the Healing
15 Our Waters Coalition, and I guess personally,
16 I'm a native Chicagoan. Our family also has a
17 cottage, actually, on a tributary to the
18 Illinois River near Henry, Illinois, and so
19 unfortunately, I've been able to experience the
20 issue firsthand.

21 We'd like to start out by
22 thanking the Corps for doing this really
23 important work and providing us with this
24 information and the range of alternatives to
25 deal with Asian carp and other Aquatic Invasive

1 Species in getting us further to a solution to
2 this problem.

3 We also think it's a very
4 important tool for public policy that will
5 hopefully guide Congress and also our regional
6 and local stakeholders to better deal with the
7 problems that we have.

8 We believe that the physical
9 separation of the waterways provides the most
10 effective permanent solution to the invasive
11 species transfer between the Great Lakes and the
12 Mississippi River Basin. We also feel that
13 interim steps should be taken immediately to
14 begin this undertaking of separation.

15 Doing nothing, as others have
16 said, and sticking to the status quo is really
17 not an option. It's also -- doing nothing is
18 also not a zero cost as others have mentioned.
19 Invasive species cost the U.S. more than
20 \$120 billion annually, and we're spending around
21 \$12 million annually right now, you know,
22 operating the electric barriers. So there is
23 cost to doing nothing and sticking with the
24 status quo.

25 We firmly believe that we must

1 prevent an ecological catastrophe that could
2 inflict huge damage on the Great Lakes region
3 and the Mississippi River Basin. The
4 establishment of carp and other harmful nuisance
5 species could be devastating to an already
6 incredibly fragile Great Lakes fishery, which is
7 estimated to be annually about a \$7 billion
8 industry right now.

9 There also could be huge impacts
10 on an estimated \$16 billion boating industry in
11 the Great Lakes, which also provides -- there's
12 also estimates of one-and-a-half million jobs
13 and overall \$62 billion in wages from people who
14 work on the Great Lakes. So there's
15 obviously -- if the invasive species like the
16 Asian carp and others get into the Great Lakes,
17 there could be a huge impact on the economy.

18 In fact, in Wisconsin alone,
19 water-based tourism is like an 8 to \$12 billion
20 industry. We have these carp literally coming
21 up our front and our back door right now. We're
22 very concerned about them getting into the Great
23 Lakes here and ending up in Milwaukee very
24 quickly if they got into Lake Michigan. But
25 clearly, they're already coming up on the back

1 side up the Mississippi River, which is a huge
2 concern.

3 We care about Lake Michigan and
4 the Chicago Area Waterways, but we feel that
5 physical separation is the best way to protect
6 these waters from the introductions really in
7 both directions. And that's important to
8 remember. It's only the Asian carp that we're
9 concerned about getting into the Great Lakes,
10 but all of the invasive species that regularly
11 are getting into the lakes that also are -- you
12 know, potentially could get to the Mississippi
13 River Basin and far beyond. In fact, zebra
14 mussels have really expanded, you know,
15 unbelievably to a good chunk of this country.
16 They're causing huge economic damages.

17 As we've recently heard, the
18 electric barrier is significantly flawed.
19 There's been some recent studies that have shown
20 that fish are swimming through the barrier on,
21 you know, maybe bubbles in that prop wash; and
22 we're very concerned that that barrier was not
23 really designed to and will not completely
24 prevent the transfer of dozens of invasive
25 species that are moving in both directions. We

1 really think that doing nothing is not an
2 option. We must take prompt action.

3 We also think the separation
4 could be stages in phases. Like other major
5 infrastructure projects, this clearly isn't
6 going to happen right away, but we also think 25
7 years is way too long to wait. We hope that
8 interim measures could be implemented
9 immediately in the way that it provides some
10 immediate enhanced protection for the Great
11 Lakes and the Mississippi River Basins, and then
12 having a longer term separation plan, as well.

13 We think that separation will
14 obviously lead to benefits to both the Great
15 Lakes and the Mississippi regions and also
16 Chicago and, you know, result in cleaner water
17 and better flood control and economic
18 development in the process of innovating our
19 infrastructure, which is quite old. And we also
20 think dozens of states would benefit from this,
21 and so it would make sense to share that cost,
22 and that also can make the project more
23 affordable.

24 We call really on our state and
25 federal leaders to work cooperatively and to

1 build off this report to really design a
2 separation solution that could be better,
3 cheaper and faster. Separation must be part of
4 this broader vision that seeks to address the
5 goals of flood control, improve water quality,
6 efficient transportation, growth in recreation
7 and tourism and protection and restoration of
8 nature.

9 Lake Michigan, the Chicago Area
10 Waterways, as well as downstream waterways would
11 all benefit. This would also obviously protect
12 Lake Michigan, and Lake Michigan tributaries
13 like the Milwaukee River here in Wisconsin.

14 Clearly, if the carp get in the
15 lake, they'll be in the Milwaukee River in no
16 time, and we're very concerned about the impacts
17 that could have on our fisheries here; and
18 because, as we all know, these carp are
19 voracious eaters that can eat up to like
20 40 percent of their weight a day. We already
21 had quite a significant grass carp problem, and
22 we're very concerned about the impact that these
23 fish would have on, you know, a lot of the
24 shallower portions of Lake Michigan and the
25 Great Lakes tributaries here in Wisconsin.

1 The health of the Great Lakes and
2 Mississippi River, as well as the communities
3 and jobs that they support, are worth this
4 price; and our quality of life that we have
5 here, it's very hard to put a price tag on that
6 and the cost of losing that should we have Asian
7 carp and other invasives really affect our
8 ability to boat and to recreate in these
9 waterways and to fish.

10 We do think technology is
11 available to dramatically improve the water
12 quality. The Chicago Area Waterways right now
13 host only a tiny area of that region's commerce.
14 In fact, some recent studies coming out show
15 than less than 4 percent of goods being
16 transported in Chicago are currently going
17 through that waterway system. So we think, you
18 know, investment in transportation obviously
19 could and should happen with the separation and
20 could be part of the solution.

21 In closing, we feel that
22 separation is necessary to keep Lake Michigan
23 clean, and that we are able to lead this
24 challenging task in 2014. Although the costs to
25 act are obviously very high, we feel that the

1 costs of doing nothing are unimaginable.

2 Thanks for your consideration.

3 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Real quick, before
4 you go, can I actually get you to say your zip
5 code?

6 MS. NENN: I wrote it down on the
7 card. It's 53202.

8 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you. And then
9 next to the microphone could we ask Mr. Mark
10 Pass to come down, and then after Mark Pass
11 speaks, that will be the conclusion of those
12 that registered on our website. So after him,
13 if Mr. David Kwasny would be prepared.

14 All right. So when you're ready,
15 just give your name and zip code.

16 MR. PASS: Good evening. Hi. My name
17 is Mark Pass. I'm from Waukesha, Wisconsin, zip
18 code 53186. I'm a member of the Waukesha
19 Environmental Action League. I'm here as a
20 concerned citizen.

21 Waukesha's about 20-odd miles
22 west of Milwaukee. Part of us is on the
23 Continental Divide that drains into Lake
24 Michigan; part of us isn't. We have a unique
25 problem with the municipal water supply in our

1 community that we're struggling with; and the
2 point of being here -- and I think everybody's
3 here because they're concerned. I want to say
4 that.

5 But I've heard a lot of
6 description of what it's going to take in costs,
7 but we don't talk or think about this in terms
8 of we are stewards of this resource. 20 percent
9 of the world's fresh water is in the Great Lakes
10 Water Basin; no other place in the world like
11 it. What's the investment worth, not the cost?
12 What's the return, not for us and our
13 generation, but for this little guy up here and
14 the future to come?

15 I know that's where our hearts
16 are at. Our feelings are with our hearts, but
17 what's the right technical solution is the key.
18 I agree with what's been said. We can't delay.
19 We need to implement what we can.

20 I'm not a scientist. I'm not a
21 civil engineer, but my heart tells me we can't
22 wait. We already know the problem. We have
23 solutions. We're bright people here. Thank God
24 we've got individuals involved at the caliber
25 that they are. We need to take action.

1 Now, what's the right course of
2 action? It seems like, again, there's things
3 that we can do, but this idea of cost and a
4 length of time with what's being said, too long.
5 I mean, put people together, how can we do it
6 faster, better.

7 Apollo 13 -- okay, I'm
8 rambling -- but look what happened when they had
9 to find a solution for something that couldn't
10 be done.

11 We can do things. We just have
12 to -- and I know we have the will to do them,
13 but as a human being, as a father, good Lord
14 willing as a grandparent in the future, I look
15 forward to sharing this resource. We should
16 look forward to this, and I know we can do this.

17 I'm going to have a lot of
18 confidence that we can do this, and I appreciate
19 the work and the struggles and the anxieties and
20 the sleepless nights that everybody's going
21 through to get it right. Thank you very much.

22 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Pass.

23 Next, Mr. David Kwasny.

24 MR. KWASNY: My name is David Kwasny,
25 zip code 53005, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

1 I'm on the executive board for
2 GLSF, Great Lakes Sport Fishermen. Most
3 importantly, I wanted to say thank you. I come
4 with grace and appreciation for your efforts,
5 and what you're trying to accomplish is a
6 monumental task. In the past few years I've had
7 some opportunities to experience some things
8 that have changed my life and built memories
9 that I'll never forget.

10 I'd like to introduce this boy
11 here. This is the junior champion for 2011 for
12 rainbow trout. He holds the largest rainbow
13 trout for 17 years and under in 2005, magical
14 moments on both full videos and pictures. He
15 was 38 pounds when he caught the fish; the fish
16 was 11 pounds. The smile that was on his face
17 is priceless.

18 I wanted to say that the national
19 resource that we have here is magic; and when
20 you think about it, if you've got salmon and
21 trout and pike and bass, that's incredibly
22 attractive. It's really quite incredible. If
23 it was to be replaced with carp, I'm not so sure
24 it'd be as attractive.

25 So this young man here, Brayden,

1 is only seven years old at this point. In 2012,
2 he was a third place winner for the snook
3 salmon, and I just wanted to thank you for your
4 efforts, and I hope that we're successful in
5 where we're going with this so the next
6 generation can enjoy this natural resource that
7 we currently enjoy right now.

8 COLONEL DRUMMOND: Great thing about
9 being in the Army is that I'm always recruiting.
10 And I'm not recruiting you; I'm recruiting him.

11 So, you know, some day when you
12 grow up here, young man, we need good engineers
13 in the Corps of Engineers. Keep catching them
14 fish. Thank you.

15 (Colonel Drummond placed a pin on
16 Brayden.)

17 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, sir.

18 At this point, we have --
19 everyone that had registered to speak today has
20 been given the opportunity to do so. I would
21 like to invite anyone that did not register at
22 the table or on-line before to come to the
23 microphone now.

24 If you've not already spoken and
25 you would like to make a comment or ask a

1 question of our panel, you know, just kind of
2 raise your hand, come down to the microphone,
3 and you can make a comment or a question.
4 Anyone?

5 Sir, would you like to come back
6 down?

7 MR. PASS: No. Again, I can speak --
8 I hope I can speak loud enough.

9 Maybe it's been mentioned or
10 outlined in the summary of the reports, but what
11 effect does the Great Lakes Water compact have
12 on the application of solutions, and do we have
13 to solicit approval of the surrounding
14 governmental agencies of both states and
15 provinces?

16 MR. WETHINGTON: Thanks for your
17 question.

18 With regard to any potential
19 future solution, we obviously have to comply
20 with all applicable federal laws, regulations,
21 treaties, et cetera. So any type of solution
22 would have to be complied with -- I'm sorry --
23 would have to meet with the necessary laws and
24 regulations.

25 So specifically with regard to

1 the compact, I'm not certain, but we did give a
2 full valuation to all pertinent laws and
3 regulations.

4 MR. PASS: Thank you.

5 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Mr. Mark Pass kicked
6 us off to questions and comments.

7 Sir, would you like to come back
8 down? Again, just for posterity's sake, if you
9 could state your name again.

10 MR. FRIES: Sure. Ken Fries,
11 F-r-i-e-s, 53150.

12 There was just one minor point I
13 forgot to mention, but I think it's a very good
14 point that was brought up. It was about
15 cleaning of watercraft when we're pulling out of
16 the water.

17 We have a volunteer wash station
18 on our lake, and some individuals, boat owners,
19 are so good about washing their boat, making
20 sure their trailer's empty; other people
21 couldn't give you two seconds. They want to get
22 that boat on that trailer, and they're out of
23 there, and I see them dragging weeds along --
24 I'm sorry -- aquatic vegetation, and I see that
25 being dragged across, and where they're going,

1 who knows what lake they're going to after that.

2 So my thought -- I just wanted to
3 impress this thought, though, that boat washing
4 stations are very good, but that's going to have
5 to be mandatory, regulated; just a volunteer is
6 not gonna do it. You're going to see
7 material -- all this work and all the research
8 and all the dollars, too, and then you got
9 someone that's on the back end not being
10 conscientious. So that's -- I just wanted to
11 point that out. Thank you.

12 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, sir.

13 Yes, Mr. Goss?

14 MR. GOSS: I think Minnesota has
15 recently adopted a mandatory boat wash law for
16 the whole state. So it is possible, and
17 certainly the rest of our states need to take a
18 look at it.

19 MR. FRIES: I agree with that. Like I
20 say, I'm not looking for more regulations and
21 rules and laws, but this is one that I think we
22 need to have that -- to enforce that for the
23 boat wash stations.

24 MR. GOSS: Thank you.

25 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you for coming

1 back down. We've got an open floor if anyone
2 would like to come down to comment or ask a
3 question of the panel.

4 MS. NENN: I'll try to talk loud. So
5 with this --

6 MR. ZABOROWSKI: And I'm sorry.
7 Again, could you just --

8 MS. NENN: Oh, sorry. This is Cheryl
9 Nenn.

10 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you.

11 MS. NENN: So with the -- for example,
12 the ecological separation option, can you just
13 give us a sense of how much of the cost estimate
14 is actually working on the barriers versus --
15 like we know -- we've heard that there have to
16 be major upgrades to the sewage treatment plants
17 that discharge into the Chicago.

18 So can you give us a sense of
19 kind of how much is work that would be needed to
20 do the separation versus, you know, these kind
21 of long over -- what's the word -- longly --
22 these basically upgrades to the water treatment
23 plants that have been needed for a very long
24 time.

25 MR. WETHINGTON: Sure, sure. Thanks

1 for your question. I appreciate it.

2 I don't know if you've had the
3 opportunity to review one of these books. They
4 are out at the front where you came in. But
5 they have a lot of great information that
6 summarizes and actually one of the kind of
7 answers to your questions is in here. There are
8 tables that discuss the relative costs for
9 different parts of the plan.

10 So your question was with regard
11 to hydrologic separation, what percent of the
12 cost was the infrastructure that would be
13 necessary versus the actual barrier itself.

14 And this is where we like to kind
15 of draw the point that there are significant
16 mitigation measures that are necessary in any of
17 these. The actual cost of the measures
18 themselves may be like the barrier could be
19 approximately, let's say, \$500 million; whereas,
20 the total cost is around 15 to \$18 billion.

21 So we look specifically at -- in
22 the case of the lakefront hydrologic separation,
23 we've got about \$14-1/2 billion that is
24 specifically related to flood risk management.
25 So this isn't necessarily cleaning up wastewater

1 to a better level. This is making sure that
2 there are the infrastructure leads, the
3 resources available that will prevent homes and
4 businesses and the entire Chicagoland area from
5 flooding during significant precipitation
6 events.

7 So I -- earlier one of the
8 commenters mentioned something about phasing --
9 and that might have been you -- phasing Aquatic
10 Invasive Species, kind of a reduction, and we
11 can do that potentially with nonstructural
12 measures or other technology alternatives.
13 There is opportunities to, by advanced risk
14 reduction.

15 With something like hydrologic
16 separation, that's kind of one of the drawbacks,
17 it's one of the trade-offs, is that a lot of
18 this infrastructure must be constructed, and
19 that's why it takes so long to achieve that risk
20 reduction and to achieve that separation between
21 the basins because before we can build a dam in
22 the river, we have to make sure that that dam
23 isn't going to prevent water from flooding out
24 the many residents of not just Chicago, but the
25 surrounding suburbs or that you won't be causing

1 significant environmental impact to Lake
2 Michigan.

3 So there are trade-offs with each
4 one of these potential alternatives, and
5 hopefully a lot of that is described better
6 within the summary report or certainly described
7 in more detail within the GLMRIS report itself.

8 MS. NENN: Thank you.

9 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Again, any other
10 comments or questions? Yes, sir.

11 Please come down to the
12 microphone, and then please state your name and
13 zip code before you begin your question.

14 MR. BITOG: Sure. Mark Bitog, 53209.

15 I came in after you started, but
16 just interested in knowing what's the process
17 you're taking now to gather input, and then who
18 will make a decision? What's the time frame on
19 that for what the next steps are?

20 MR. WETHINGTON: Sure.

21 MR. BITOG: Thank you.

22 MR. WETHINGTON: Thanks for your
23 question. This is the second in a series of
24 seven public engagements. We're also meeting
25 with a variety of state agencies. So, for

1 example, we are headed to Madison tomorrow to
2 meet with some of the elected state officials
3 and resource agency representatives to talk to
4 them about the range of alternatives in the
5 GLMRIS report.

6 We're taking this information to
7 summarize it and then, again, provide it, much
8 like the information within the GLMRIS report
9 itself is information of decision makers.

10 We, as the Corps of Engineers,
11 will likely not specifically use this
12 information to make a specific recommendation or
13 decision, but provide that to the public and to
14 our elected officials to kind of be the voice or
15 summary of the voices that we've heard in all
16 these different public meetings and public
17 engagements. So I hope that helps answer your
18 question.

19 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, sir. At
20 this point, if no one is willing to make any
21 more comments or questions of our panel --

22 MR. SADOWSKY: Excuse me.

23 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Oh, yes. Sir, when
24 you come to the microphone, just give us your
25 name and the organization you may represent and

1 your zip code before you begin your comment.

2 MR. SADOWSKY: Good evening. My name
3 is Maurice Sadowsky. I am a resident of
4 Overland Park, Kansas, and if anybody wants a
5 copy of this, I've got plenty of copies.

6 My company is MJSTI Corp. I want
7 to thank the Army Corps of Engineers for their
8 excellent work and report on the options and the
9 possibilities -- to limit the possibility of
10 alien nuisance species to migrate across the
11 Great Lakes and the Mississippi Basin Divide.

12 Although some people see the
13 issue as simple, it is not. There are
14 approximately 9.8 million people in the Chicago
15 Metro area. A major source of employment is
16 trade, including approximately 17 million tons
17 of freight that crosses the CAWS annually.
18 Northwest Indiana and the South Side of Chicago
19 can be adversely affected by flooding if the
20 CAWS are closed without taking precautions.

21 The problem is complicated by the
22 Divide itself. It is 1500 miles long, has short
23 tributary rivers to the Great Lakes, and is a
24 low-lying divide, often two sides of a marsh.

25 Complicating the issue are

1 millions of recreational users of both water
2 systems -- of both water systems such as
3 swimmers, boaters, kayakers, fishermen and women
4 that can unintentionally take or transfer alien
5 nuisance species.

6 The GLMRIS study identifies 18
7 likely non-CAWS migration routes for alien
8 nuisance species. The finding of Asian carp
9 eDNA in Sturgeon Bay and the establishment of
10 grass carp in the Maumee River are two examples
11 of ANS migration that probably did not occur
12 across the CAWS. It's pretty hard to understand
13 that. To focus the effort, 7.8 to \$18 billion
14 on the CAWS ignores the reality that the problem
15 is much bigger.

16 Of particular concern are the
17 bighead and silver carp, which since their
18 escape from Arkansas fish ponds in the '70s or
19 '80s have invaded almost the entire Mississippi
20 Basin. In the lower Illinois River, the fish
21 represent an estimated 85-plus percent of the
22 fish biomass, and they have changed the ecology
23 of the Illinois River. These fish are or will
24 have similar effects on other Midwest river
25 systems including the Wabash and Wisconsin

1 Rivers. If the invasive carp population is not
2 controlled, eventually the fish will cross the
3 Divide. It's just a matter of time.

4 MJSTI Corp., my company, has
5 conceived, model tested, filed a provisional
6 patent on formulations to control the bighead
7 and silver carp. The formulations are selective
8 and effective; significantly safer than current
9 pesticides, in fact, one of the promising
10 formulations is 100 percent food grade
11 ingredients; and they are low cost.

12 For the last year and a half, I
13 have tried to raise capital for this project to
14 prove the concepts and start the regulatory
15 process. The issues preventing investment are
16 the risk is too great and the market is limited.

17 I am currently trying an
18 Indiegogo campaign. My fundamental belief in
19 putting together the formulations is that
20 killing fish is easy. The challenge is
21 obtaining EPA approval. As you know, that
22 process is a minimum of 18 months from filing
23 and a total cost of 1 to \$3 million.

24 And to be blunt, formulations to
25 control the Asian carp is a several million

1 dollar market at best, even if it is a
2 comparable program to the lamprey eel program,
3 which is about \$30 million. If you take a
4 fourth or a fifth of that for all materials, the
5 rest of it is a to-do process.

6 I need help. Without funding, I
7 will end the project. I filed an ERDC grant,
8 was turned down earlier this -- turned down ten
9 months -- turned down in July of last year; and
10 I'm asking the government to consider a minor
11 grant. All I need is money to have the
12 materials made and tested, and I do have a
13 company that is talking to me.

14 Alternatively, people here, if
15 they're really interested, can pledge to my
16 Indiegogo campaign. I have copies, and I'll be
17 glad to answer any questions anybody has.

18 MR. WETHINGTON: Thank you.

19 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, sir. I
20 believe you left the report with the
21 stenographer. Any response from the panel?

22 COLONEL DRUMMOND: No.

23 MR. SADOWSKY: Thank you.

24 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, sir.

25 Now we're back to open comments

1 or questions if anybody would like to -- yes?

2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Does Indiegogo
3 have a website or research?

4 MR. SADOWSKY: I have cards, if
5 anybody wants them, of how to get there.

6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Thank you.

7 MR. ZABOROWSKI: In the meantime,
8 anyone, again, we're open to open comments or
9 questions for the meeting.

10 Seeing none, at this point, I
11 would like to turn it back over to the panel if
12 they would like to make any closing comments or
13 statements, starting with Mr. Wethington.

14 MR. WETHINGTON: Thank you, Kendall.
15 And thanks again, everyone, for coming out this
16 evening; very much appreciate your time and your
17 interest in the study. We look forward to
18 continuing to listen and to work with you as we
19 continue working forward on GLMRIS. Thank you
20 for coming out tonight.

21 COLONEL DRUMMOND: I'd like to take
22 the time just to reiterate what the Assistant
23 Secretary of the Army said last week in Chicago,
24 and I think it summarizes what I heard here this
25 evening; and she summarized it by saying the

1 most important voice in the GLMRIS study is the
2 individuals in this room, that's the public.
3 And that public dialogue, I think as you have
4 heard tonight, needs to continue, and it needs
5 to be open and transparent because as many of
6 you said, it's a very complex, complex
7 undertaking.

8 I would just add, I agree with
9 the notation -- the notion that, you know,
10 anything that we do we should have the same
11 passion and effort to protect our kids. Many of
12 the individuals, I might add, that work on this
13 study day in and day out lives and -- lives
14 along Lake Michigan, and is just as passionate
15 about protecting the Great Lakes as anybody
16 else.

17 And so over the last two and a
18 half years of being in this command, I can tell
19 you, and I can attest, that the individuals
20 writing this report are just as passionate about
21 ensuring that we protect our nation's treasures,
22 which is the Great Lakes.

23 As mentioned before, we are the
24 stewards of the environment, and I take that
25 seriously. I think Chicago has done a great

1 job, in at least my time, of looking out and
2 trying to protect those key treasures. And one
3 individual mentioned earlier about the pathway
4 for migration of our birds. It's enormous, and
5 you know, our District takes a look at all these
6 different things in protecting the environment,
7 and this is just one additional step of many
8 that's going to go on here in the future.

9 So I do appreciate your
10 attendance tonight. Our senatorial
11 representatives here, I appreciate your
12 attendance because this is, in fact, something
13 that needs to continue on, and your voice needs
14 to be heard. Thank you.

15 MR. GOSS: Well said. Thanks.

16 COLONEL DRUMMOND: Thank you very
17 much.

18 MR. ZABOROWSKI: Thank you, sir. So
19 again, I'd like to reiterate the panel's
20 comments. Thank you all very much for attending
21 tonight, taking time out of your evening to come
22 here and have a conversation with us.

23 So at this point, we do have
24 upwards of ten speakers today for an approximate
25 total of 45 minutes of testimony from you all to

1 us. We are going to be having five more
2 meetings that are going to have the same format
3 as this one. It might be a little more formal
4 if more people are in as far as the timing of
5 comments.

6 I would like to remind everyone
7 here that our public comment period runs until
8 March 3rd, and instructions on how to submit
9 comments can be found on-line at the GLMRIS
10 website shown here or on your yellow comment
11 registration forms that were handed out to you.
12 So if there is anything else that you think of
13 that you didn't get to say tonight, you can get
14 it to us by March 3rd.

15 So I think everybody got a copy
16 of today's meeting materials, but if you'd like
17 extras, on your way out, you can just stop by
18 the front desk and grab a couple extra copies.

19 So this concludes this public
20 meeting for the Great Lakes and Mississippi
21 River Interbasin Study. The time is now
22 5:40 p.m. Have a good night, everyone.

23 (Proceedings concluded at 5:40 p.m.)

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