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To Whom This May Concern:

After reading through the study, I can't help wonder... All of these BIG infrastructure ideas are good, but they will take long periods of time to construct. What would be the plan to keep the Asian carp population down between now and completion of these projects? The idea of using poisons to deter the Asian population is completely and utterly WRONG. Because poisons killing Asian Carps, will kill other natural game fish! Which are declining very quickly anyways. I know this is not a USACE issue but I believe one solution that could be used to keep the population down is, use federal funds to subsidize the Asian Carp fishing industry. If the federal government could support a "livable" price per pound (IE \$.25/lb instead of market price being around \$.05-\$.11/lb), I believe you would find more fisherman willing to go commercial and go after the fish. Also, the state of Illinois needs to loosen it's rules on catching the Asian Carp. I know of several people getting tickets from ILDNR police because they were "netting" Asian Carps in a tributary of the Illinois River which was deemed to only use rod and reel. (A side note: They did catch other native species with their nets but they released them back in.) I think there needs to be more focus on going after the Asian Carp which have infiltrated the smaller tributaries and now spawning in those areas at alarming rates! If they can't spawn in these smaller tributaries, they can't keep their populations up. Please keep up the good work. Thank you for hearing my comments. Sincerely, [REDACTED]