

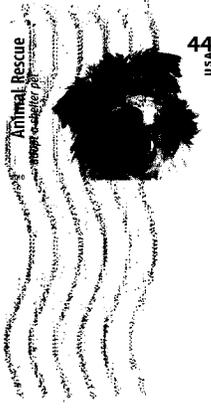


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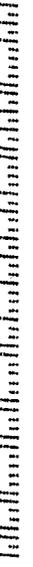
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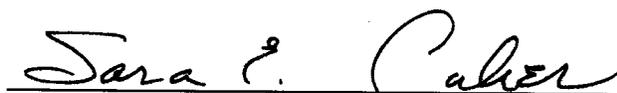
Unfortunately, the Great Lakes region is currently home to over 180 invasive species. I am writing you today because I am concerned that our Lakes may become home to yet another invasive species, Asian Carp, unless the Army Corps of Engineers expedites its Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) study to PREVENT their introduction.

My concerns include:

1. While the Army Corps of Engineers is moving forward on GLMRIS with the intent to "reduce the risk" of invasive species transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River, that is different than what Congress authorized. If the Army Corps of Engineers doesn't commit to full "prevention" of invasive species movement, the study is set up to fail before it begins. The Corps must "prevent" rather than "reduce the risk" of invasive species movement between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River.
2. The GLMRIS study takes too long. The study timeline and strategy must be structured so a solution is delivered prior to the establishment of breeding populations of Asian carp in the Chicago Waterway System. This means that the study needs to be completed in the next twelve months rather than the mid-2015 date.
3. Lastly, the public needs to be engaged in this process. The Army Corps of Engineers should create an opportunity for regular - preferably at least twice annually - discussion forums during which the public can interact with technical staff for detailed Q&A on project progress. This should be separate and in addition to the requirements of the NEPA process.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the GLMRIS study to PREVENT the introduction of Asian Carp while continuing to engage the public in this process. We have too much to lose in the Great Lakes region. People depend on the Great Lakes for not only drinking water but for jobs and to maintain their quality of life. An Asian Carp invasion is not acceptable especially when we have the opportunity to prevent it.

Sincerely,


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P.S. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

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