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The Corps needs to show extreme urgency to counter the threat of Asian carp species to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Past incursion by the carp up the river systems including the Mississippi provide ample evidence that this is happening fast and that more time to study the issue and publicly review the need of counter measures would amount to negligence if not handled with the greatest dispatch. We should be talking about months, not years, for a timetable to handle this problem. The devastation that could be caused by the invasion of these carp species into the Lakes would be catastrophic to the ecosystems and the way of life of all those who live along and enjoy these waterways. This is an all or nothing issue. The problem cannot be mitigated or lessened to any satisfactory amount, because the invasion of just a few of these animals could ultimately seed an eventual total invasion of these species. The corralling of the fish must be total. Waste no time and do what is necessary to cut through the usual red tape. If you sit on your hands or dither in the face of this crisis you may find yourself irrelevant in the whole debate, having again missed a great opportunity to prove that the Corps can respond to crisis and that it works in service to the American public and the nation's natural resources. Instead, as in Hurricane Katrina, the Corps will be defending past inadequate attention to an obvious catastrophic threat. Please, please, increase the urgency and speed of response to the invasion of Asian carp in our country's rivers and lakes.