

Subject: Great Lakes & Invasive Species
From:
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Feb 21, 2011

US Corps Of Engineers
IL

Dear Of Engineers,

One hundred and ten years ago, engineers developed a divide between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River to send Chicago sewage away from Lake Michigan, which is now the current drinking supply for 7 million people.

Due to this, there have been unintended consequences from this divide. Invasive species, such as the zebra mussel and round goby, have moved through this system in devastating ways to the ecosystem. Now Asian carp are moving towards the Great Lakes using Chicago area rivers and canals.

Congress has told the Army Corps of Engineers to determine options available about how to solve these problem. The study is to help prevent these invasive species from moving through the Chicago waterways.

Unfortunately, the Corps is only looking to "reduce the risk" of invasive species, instead of finding a permanent solution for the problem. This proposal also ignores the urgency of the situation because the study is planned to take five years.

While I support the efforts of Congress to work on this situation, I believe that we need to be even more proactive on this situation. I strongly urge you to speed up the timeline for this proposal, and to complete this study within 18 months at the latest. Additionally, I ask that you work to find a permanent solution to this problem. The separation option should be given primary consideration, and this option should include a comprehensive regional approach to transportation, flooding and water quality.

Thank you for your efforts, and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Last Name	FirstName	State
Standard Campaign Letters		
Hinds	Mark	IL
ATARODI	Habib	IL
Ackermann	Dorelle	IL
Ader	Shaylene	IL
Affolter	A	IL
Albanese	Dawn	IL
Allegretti	David	IL
Allman	Esther	IL
Alvarez	Gina	IL
Amann	Marianne	IL
Anagnostopoulos	George	IL
Anderson	Ellen	IL
Andrews	Linda	IL
Angel	James	IL
Arnowitz	Charlie	IL
Asher	Laura	IL
Asher	Laura	IL
Aslam	Nayeem	IL
Ault	Karen	IL
Aurigemma	Kaye	IL
Austin	Christine	IL
Ayres	Peter	IL
BENDER	NOREEN	IL
Badley	Olivia	IL
Barker	Jerry	IL
Barnett	Janice	IL
Barrett	Robin	IL
Bates	Barbara	IL
Benjamin	George	IL
Bergren	Stephen	IL
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Bernardoni	Richard	IL
Bertram	Harrison P	IL
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Birkey	shae	IL
Blackmon	Carla	IL
Blick	Lauren	IL
Blue	Donna	IL
Blumenshine	Joyce	IL

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Blumenshine	Joyce	IL
Blumenstein	Sarah	IL
Boesen	Edward	IL
Boylan	Jim	IL
Brandon	Alice	IL
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Brennan	Jean	IL
Brenza	Tina	IL
Brodsky	Becky	IL
Brown	Donna	IL
Bruns	Carol	IL
Buchan	Martha	IL
Burda	Eugene	IL
Burian	Christine	IL
Burt	Susan	IL
Cadigan	Carolyn	IL
Caffee	Fran	IL
Cange	Mari	IL
Caraballo	Patricia	IL
Cardosi	Cynthia	IL
Carey-Wolff, RN	Janet	IL
Carlson	Tina	IL
Carr	S	IL
Chan	Sonja	IL
Chan	Sonja	IL
Chew	Ronald	IL
Chrisler	Meg	IL
Christensen	Deb	IL
Christensen	Deb & Steve	IL
Cline	Donna	IL
Cohen	James	IL
Cole	Dori	IL
Cole	Merrill	IL
Coleman, MD	Suzanne	IL
Comiskey	Yolanda	IL
Couch	Sandra	IL
Cox	Johanna	IL
Crawford	Catherine	IL
Cray	Mary	IL
Crockett	Catharine	IL
Crow	Jacqueline	IL

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Culp	Jessica	IL
Cummings	L	IL
Dalmonte	Neal	IL
Dan	Christy	IL
Daughenbaugh	Clayton	IL
Davis	Pamela	IL
Davis	Pamela	IL
Davis	Pamela	IL
Dawe	Linda	IL
DeBofsky	Abby	IL
DeCarlo	Erika	IL
DeFrancesco	Sharon	IL
Del Campo	Karen	IL
Dickert	Debbie	IL
Diedrick	Donald	IL
Dionne	Alenka	IL
Dostalek	Patricia	IL
Dressel	Michael	IL
Dresser	Sylvia	IL
Drinis	Sophia	IL
Drucker	Steve	IL
Duman	Bonnie	IL
Duman	Bonnie	IL
Dwyer	Diane	IL
Dwyer	Jan & Timothy	IL
Edwards	Donna	IL
Edwards	Judi	IL
Eiden	Adam	IL
Eilert	Aileen	IL
Elgin	Lorie	IL
Ellison Hanks	Johanna	IL
Elmendorf	David	IL
Elston	Amy	IL
Englebretsen	Alice	IL
Englebretsen	Alice	IL
English	Rich	IL
Engram Francis	Cheryl	IL
Erickson	Charles	IL
Espana	Joan	IL
Estes	Nathan	IL
Faisal	Daniel	IL

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Favilla	Christine	IL
Feinberg	Stuart	IL
Fischer	Tessa	IL
Fleming	Sabrina	IL
Fremling	Dr. Warren	IL
Frey	Lawrence	IL
Frink	Allyson	IL
Fritz	Glenn Fritz And Mr	IL
Fumarolo	Michael	IL
Furlan	Carol	IL
Gallagher	William	IL
Gambrel	Thomas	IL
Garness	Kathleen	IL
Gaspar	Suzanne	IL
Genandt	Judy	IL
Gerber	Cecilia	IL
Gernady	John	IL
Gibbons	Susan	IL
Ginsberg	Rachel	IL
Glahn	Julia	IL
Gocken	David	IL
Golden	Jerry	IL
Gossmann	Anni	IL
Graham	Beth	IL
Graham	Geoffrey	IL
Gralak	Kim	IL
Green	Tyler	IL
Groetzenbach	Mary	IL
Guill	Jane	IL
Gustafson	David	IL
Gwinn	Dawn	IL
Haba	Jim	IL
Hade	Michaeline	IL
Hageman	Beatrice	IL
Hall	Jerry	IL
Hall	William	IL
Hankins	Nehemiah T.	IL
Haugen	Michelle	IL
Haupt	Patricia	IL
Hauser	Barbara	IL
Hayhurst	Evelyn	IL

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Hearne	Clarice	IL
Heitz	Marcia	IL
Hensley	Jennifer	IL
Herrmann	Dorene	IL
Hetzel	Dorothy	IL
Hicks	Jerry	IL
Hinds	Elenita	IL
Hjerpe	Karl	IL
Holthaus	Eileen	IL
Hopkins	Glenn	IL
Horn	Linda	IL
Horn	Linda	IL
Hosfield	Gary	IL
Hoskins	Milton	IL
Howard	Wayne	IL
Huddleston	Lindsey	IL
Hult	Philip	IL
Hult	Philip	IL
Huntoon	Wanda	IL
Hurt	James	IL
Isenhart	Jeffrey	IL
Jason	David	IL
Jauhiainen	Marc	IL
Jennetten	John	IL
Jennings	Cheryl	IL
Johnson	Brittany	IL
Johnson	Robbin	IL
Johnson	Scott	IL
Johnsrud	Bryan	IL
Johnsrud	Bryan	IL
Johnston	Judith	IL
Johnston	Judy	IL
Johnston	Judy	IL
Julin	Jim	IL
Juozilaitis	Lynn	IL
Kahl	Chad	IL
Kampf	Bernie	IL
Kampwirth	Gregory	IL
Kasparian	Armen	IL
Kelley	Ruth	IL
Kem	Judy	IL

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Keyzer	Bruce	IL
Kiel	Christine	IL
King	Steven	IL
Kling	Joanna	IL
Klubek	Brian	IL
Koehler	Keith	IL
Kogel	Hank	IL
Kowalski	Melanie	IL
Krasner	Catherine	IL
Kulczycki	John	IL
Kuncl	Janet	IL
Kurowski	Natalie	IL
Kurtz	Christy	IL
LORCH	WILLIAM	IL
Lanciotti	Donnajean	IL
Lang	Michael	IL
Lapetino	Carol	IL
Larson	Bob	IL
Lazar	Jodi	IL
LeClercq	Ann	IL
Lecroy	Sue	IL
Ledebuhr	Mark	IL
Ledebuhr	Mark	IL
Ledig	Sally	IL
Leonardi	John	IL
Leonardi	John	IL
Lewis	Michael	IL
Libbares	Georgia	IL
Limperis	Stephen	IL
Lindsey	Jason	IL
Livingston	Penni	IL
Loewenstein	Michael	IL
Lonsdale	Nancy	IL
Losos	Patricia	IL
Luedtke	Anna	IL
Lynes	Chelsea	IL
Madia	Nicory	IL
Manetas-Gouriotis	Vasia	IL
Marnell	Betsy	IL
Marshall	Franklin	IL
Martinez	Patricia	IL

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Massey	Carolyn	IL
Matherly	Kimber	IL
Mathews	Mary	IL
Mathews	Mary	IL
Mattes	Deborah	IL
Mazar	Nicki	IL
Maziarz	Rosemary	IL
Mazrimas-Ott	Christy	IL
Mazza	Peter	IL
McClallen	Carrie	IL
McCray	Candy	IL
McCurdy	Dan	IL
McIntosh	Barbara	IL
Mcdonnell	Janet	IL
Megregian	Kate	IL
Metzger	Melody	IL
Minarik	Mari	IL
Miner	Kelsey	IL
Mishkin	Lee	IL
Mishkin	Lee	IL
Montgomery	Stephen	IL
Moore	Philip	IL
Moore	Shanon	IL
Moran	Kathy	IL
Muhr	Brian	IL
Munton	Jessica	IL
Nelson	Charlene	IL
Newman	Cheri	IL
Newman	Stephanie	IL
Nicol	Richard	IL
Niechciol	Barbara	IL
Nodurft	Shane	IL
Norton	Brittanny	IL
Nowak	Jack	IL
Nowak	Lauren	IL
Nulwala	Naeem	IL
Nurse	Carol	IL
O'Brien	Karen	IL
Ogren	Ben	IL
Orten	Kathy	IL
Ostman	Liz	IL

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Owen	Jean	IL
Ower	Doug & Diane	IL
Pack	Jamie	IL
Paisley	Katherine	IL
Pancner	Robert	IL
Pappageorge	Christine	IL
Parish-Meyer	Erin	IL
Patel	Megha	IL
Paul	Kathryn	IL
Peipert	Jacqueline	IL
Peters	Gary	IL
Phillips	Anne	IL
Piotrowski	Carol	IL
Piotrowski	Carol	IL
Pittman	David	IL
Poelking	Laurie	IL
Poquette	Gordon	IL
Potucek	Kimberly	IL
Powers	Marlene	IL
Pratt	Kenneth	IL
Price	Erin	IL
Quandt	Carol	IL
Quast	Patricia	IL
Quetua	Jessica	IL
Quintenz	Trish	IL
Quintenz	Trish	IL
RICKS	NICOLE	IL
Raguso	Frank	IL
Reed	Liz	IL
Reeves	Lenore	IL
Reinhardt	Michael	IL
Rendulich	Ellen	IL
Riel	Doug	IL
Rochford	Carianne	IL
Ross	Steven	IL
Rosson	Cara	IL
Rowe	Julie	IL
Rude	Kathleen	IL
Ryk	Jan	IL
Rynders	Lewis	IL
SMITH	JANELL	IL

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Sarna	Colleen	IL
Saykawlard	Tawan	IL
Schietzelt	Randall	IL
Schmitt II	Walter	IL
Schramm	Peggy	IL
Schueler Jr.	Harry E.	IL
Schueler Jr.	Harry E.	IL
Schuetz	Joan	IL
Schweiss	Kraig	IL
Sears	Kathleen	IL
Secor	David	IL
Selfridge	Richard	IL
Shadrick	Roxann	IL
Shaw	Lloyd	IL
Shimada	Melody	IL
Simon	Karen	IL
Simon	Karen	IL
Singh	Beatrice	IL
Skidmore	Michael	IL
Smith	Courtney	IL
Snyder	A	IL
Soble	Elaine	IL
Spahn	Gregory	IL
Spell	Laura	IL
Stark	Mel	IL
Steitz	Diane	IL
Stoner	Dorothy	IL
Storm	Tonya	IL
Stromberg	Bruce	IL
Strother	Christina	IL
Studer	Rich	IL
Studzinski	Alice & Bill	IL
Stukel	Barbaraa	IL
Tabor	Vincent	IL
Tabor	Vincent	IL
Tarallo	Mary	IL
Tarnowski	Paul	IL
Tervydis	Jan	IL
Tervydis	Jan	IL
Theis	Peter	IL
Themas	Deborah	IL

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Thomas	Jennifer	IL
Thomas-Brown	Pauline	IL
Thorp	Chuck	IL
Thorp	Frank & Nina	IL
Toigo	joet	IL
Tosic	Andrej	IL
Toussaint	Laurel	IL
Treacy	Terri	IL
Treadway	Roy	IL
Trimble	Carolyn And Ralph	IL
Trutter	Lawrence	IL
Turuc	Jason	IL
Udel	Lisa	IL
Vandewalker	Jean	IL
Vanek	Karen	IL
Villagomez	Sari	IL
Wagner	Beth	IL
Walker	Karen	IL
Walters	Elizabeth	IL
Walters	Lindsey	IL
Waltershausen	Margaret	IL
Ward	Lolly	IL
Weber	John and Betty	IL
Weber	Scott	IL
Wedow	Nancy	IL
Weihofen	Susan	IL
Weiner	Ronald	IL
Werbowy	Sophia	IL
Werbowy	Sophia	IL
Werth	Debra	IL
Westerman-Jones	Carol	IL
Whallin	Marion	IL
Wilcox	C.	IL
Wilhelm	Heath	IL
Wilkins	Sarah	IL
Wilson	Donald	IL
Wilson	Donald	IL
Winkler-Groschen	Cheli	IL
Witt	Frank	IL
Wnuk	Izabela	IL
Wolcott	Sue	IL

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Wolf	Wesley	IL
Wronkiewicz	Raymond	IL
YANCEY	LINDA	IL
Yancey	Robert	IL
Young	Phil	IL
Zegiel	Allan	IL
Zukowski	James	IL
argenta	c kent	IL
broten	karen	IL
cavins	shaana	IL
colborn	sheree	IL
cote	robert	IL
davidson	sharon	IL
eich	suzy	IL
figman	janice	IL
ginoli	vicki	IL
glidden	kevin	IL
guilbault	kenneth	IL
hanaway	darwin	IL
hansen	mike	IL
hiltz	dan	IL
johnson	john	IL
johnston	chris	IL
kempf	kay	IL
klasen	mardell	IL
kleven	james	IL
lecroy	sue	IL
levy	rhonda	IL
massey	carolyn	IL
matz	pat	IL
mcgrath	pat	IL
milhouse	kenneth	IL
pagliuzza	cindy	IL
pappas	pamela	IL
rust	sandra	IL
ryan	tonya	IL
schneider	sylvia	IL
schroeder	rosemary	IL
selvarajan	mercedes	IL
slade	matt	IL
smetana	sheryl	IL

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smith	caroline	IL
weber	Glen	IL
Michaels	Patricia	IL

The following individuals submitted unique letters, but did not add new information to the standard campaign letter

Robnett	Christie	IL
Yates	Maureen	IL
Dlugo	Steven	IL
Balin	Diane	IL
Ahrensfield	Jan	IL
Smetana	Sheryl	IL
Rykhus	Patricia	IL
Horton	Tom	IL
Kanak	Richard	IL
Sheets	Kiersten	IL
Carpenter	John	IL
Liddy	Craig	IL
Vandiver	Diane	IL
Dale	Byron	IL
Krusa	Chris	IL
Homola	John	IL
Lorenz	Terry	IL
Kosek	Frances	IL
Warfield	Bob	IL
Kraus	David	IL
Merfeld	Victor	IL
Kelley	Ruth	IL
Gowda	Prashanth	IL
Melm	Gerald	IL
Wood	Pat	IL
Woods	Paula	IL
Andrews	Alixandria	IL
Larrabee	Lydia	IL
Brandt	Arthur	IL
Klecka	Jack	IL
Hermes	JoAnne	IL
Vaughan	Steven	IL
Incardona	Ann	IL
Burian	Alex	IL

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Eargle	Geoffrey	IL
Young	Tony	IL
Nagaler	Catherine	IL
Wyatt	Alicia	IL
Willis	Lakshmi	IL
Myers	Jane	IL
Clow	Brian	IL
Mason	Jo	IL
Swanson	Marti	IL
Wagner	Judy	IL

The following individuals submitted letters that were subsets of the campaign letter

Erickson	Rodney	IL
Byrne	Anthony	IL

The following individuals added new information to the standard campaign letter; that text is included

Additional Text

Jorgensen	Bob	IL	...they [Asian carp] will destroy the fishing industry in the lake.
Hardekopf	Jack	IL	... the government lets these invasive species into countires and lack of fish farms not have adeuqate safeguards to prevent going into the mississippi river or ship balasts (sic)
Moll	Judy	IL	...Please remember how delays in im;lementing actions to prevent climate change have resulted in its acceleration, as factors recognized by a few but not widely disseminated came into play (e.g., characteristics of the arctic environment, ocean.acidification). Congress and the Army Corps of Engineers should not delay in implementing permanent and effective solutions to the problem of invasive species in the Great Lakes,if only because changes in this ecological system can result in yet unknown effects on the biosphere.

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Biederer	Raymond	IL	In the past the Corps have tried to reduce problems but created future problems. The encroachment of the Asian carp will devastate the fishing in the Great Lakes.
Kniker	David	IL	I live near the Illinois River north of Peoria and know that the operation of a power boat (especially smaller boats) is dangerous. Beyond that, the sport of water skiing has become impossible because of the danger of being hit by fish.
Collins	Dana	IL	I have a home right on the Mississippi in Wisconsin. I have seen the devastation of the zebra mussels, which no one is even talking about now. They are all over my pier and the bottom of my boat, and they have killed all the clams which used to be right off my shore.
McDougal	Sarah	IL	I'm sure the inventors of Milorganite can find a way to recycle Chicago's waste on the farmland where it originated. Great organic fertilizer!
MacKinnon	Nancy	IL	Also, has the streams that empty into the Great Lake been considered? There are plenty of them in Wisconsin near a home we own that I can't help worry about having carp traveling down and into Lake Michigan.
Barshis	Jan	IL	How about immediately starting a "Fishes Them to death" campaign that would supply restaurants that are starting to carry various Asian carp dishes on their menus. (Middlebury dining room, for example) We've fished other species to death, why not this one?
Gintzler	Janice	IL	I have heard rumblings about reversing the Chicago River back into its original direction. Now is certainly the time to effect that change.

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Schaefer	David	IL	I occasionally fish in Lake Michigan and I am convinced these huge, hungry, trash fish will destroy the sport fishing in Lake Michigan. I have heard these Asian carp feed in such a frenzy that one jumped into a friend's boat. This fish is a menace and should be permanently excluded from Lake Michigan by closing the locks.
Jordan	Martin	IL	Since the species cannot, and should not, be eliminated, commercial harvesting should be encouraged as part of any plan to stop the spread. During the pendency of the study drastic measures involving barriers and closure should be employed before kill zones that destroy all life in sections of the waterways and possibly damage local water supplies.
Miller	Marilyn	IL	It is my understanding that some fisherman has already started collecting these Asian carp, processing them and selling them back to Asian countries as food. But even this is not solving the problem as to how to rid our waters of these predators of our fish. Something has to be done now or our fish population will be gone forever. We have failed for years to clean up our rivers and streams as agricultural fertilizer have invaded our groundwater supply of drinking water. Clean water is becoming a very precious commodity in many parts of the world already. We must protect our lakes and streams.
Dunlap	Patrick	IL	We must stop the invasion of these foreign species, particularly the Asian carp, as they threaten our biological balance, and in addition could brutalize commercial and sport fishing in Lake Michigan and all the great lakes.

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Martin	Emily	IL	We've got to protect the Great Lakes, for the health of our environment and our economy. Please let's find a permanent solutin to this problem.
Rosenberg	Stephanie	IL	And, a five-year study? Please. . . .It is not too unreasonable to project this further out several years, not ony because of unforeseen study problems, cuts in manpower, and, quite possibly in the current economic climate, reduced cuts or possible total defindin could quite ppossibly delay study completion by several years. Imagine the devastation to the exosystem by then.
Barshis	Donald	IL	Put a bounty on the carp and sell them overseas.