
From: krantz@mcmaster.ca [mailto:krantz@mcmaster.ca]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:29 AM
To: glmriswebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) Question about Web Commenting

I see you are only taking online comments from US sources.

So very very briefly here is my input

“The Chicago Area Waterway System is particularly challenging given the multiple uses of a continuously flowing channel in heavily urbanized terrain. Those uses include flood risk management, storm water management and wastewater discharge, commercial and recreational navigation, industrial water supply, and transit by public safety vessels. As a result of these complexities, the study must develop a comprehensive grasp of the potential consequences of making changes to any part of this system.”

Top priority MUST be given to fully closing the ecological connections between the Illinois river and Chicago. Yes, there are other stakeholders involved, but bear in mind, ALONE, the value of the recreational fishery in the Great Lakes that would certainly be decimated by establishment of asian carp. Compare \$7 Billion a year (fishing) to the much more meager sources of revenue for any other use of the CSSC. Add to this the cost of the loss of biodiversity to the health of the region, and the decision must be not to delay any further with a moratorium on the canal's connection to the waterfront of our Great Lakes.

I thank you for the ability to submit this very brief and very urgent request.

Dr. Gail Krantzberg
Professor and Director,
ArcelorMittalDofasco Centre for Engineering and Public Policy
McMaster University
1280 Main Street West
ETB 510
Hamilton, ON, L8S 4L7
905-525-9140x22153
krantz@mcmaster.ca

thanks for making the Lakes Great