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I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and have spent the majority of my 57 years here.

I have been boating and fishing on Lake Erie most of those years as well.

I remember years of the "dead" lake and how devastating that was to the region.

I also remember the years when Lake Erie was considered the "walleye capital of the world"!

I have seen, first hand, how the health of Lake Erie can affect the quality of life here and the economic impact it has in this region.

It is imperative that the Army Corp of Engineers move immediately to prevent Asian Carp from invading the Great Lakes and destroying the fantastic fishery that we finally have here in Lake Erie.

It is my understanding that the Corp plans to study this problem until 2015 before acting.

This delay is tempting fate. If we do not move quickly to take positive measures to prevent the spread of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes, we risk irreversable damage to this fishery and to the economy of all the states adjacent to the lakes.

If physical separation of the carp from the Great Lakes is not deemed an acceptable long term solution, then it must be employed immediately as a short term solution to buy us time until another technical solution can be found.

The Chicago Waterway System is the last line of defense. If we allow a breeding population of these carp to become established in the Chicago Waterway System without installing an adequate physical barrier, then we will have lost the fight before it begins.

The Corp must act quickly and decisively!

Once the physical barrier is in place, the Corp can take all the time they need to study alternative and select the one they like best.

Thank you for your consideration.