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I (along with other members of my family)live outside of Toledo, Ohio and fish on Lake Erie regularly each fall for perch and walleye. I believe it is imperative that the Asian carp be PREVENTED from entering any of the Great Lakes. Should they gain entry to the Great Lake system, it will be devastating to the native fish populations and thus affect not only my recreational fishing but also numerous local jobs and economies that rely on commercial fishing in the Great Lakes.

It is my understanding that the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) was mandated by Congress to study ways to PREVENT invasive species such as the Asian carp movement between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. Therefore, this should be the only focus of the Corps on this matter. Time and resources should NOT be wasted on studies to "reduce the risk" of invasive species entering the Great Lakes. The prevention study and its results should be used first to PREVENT Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes. 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. The Corps should study and provide a solution for the Chicago Waterway system first, regardless of the need to prioritize and act on other aquatic pathways. Do not waste time and money repeating work that has already been done or is currently in process: at least two comprehensive reports describing the likely impacts of Asian carp on the Great Lakes have already been written, one from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (www.fws.gov/contaminants/OtherDocuments/ACBSRAFinalReport2005.pdf) and one from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/csas/Csas/DocREC/2004/RES2004_103_E.pdf).

The Corps needs to do the job they were mandated to do and find a way to PREVENT the invasion of Asian carp into the Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

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