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The invasion of asian carp has become a crisis at a multi-state level. The federal government should be giving money to the state level to resolve this issue (maybe they have already, I'm not sure). The states need to work together, and hire contract seasonal employees to the DNR departments.

The plan is simple, eliminate the invasive species without eliminating current populations of native or hatchery strained fish. I think this is a multi-year plan that may involve hundreds on contract employees and thousands of volunteers.

If there are enough people involved with the project then the location of the carp can be predictable.

If we can learn the patterns of this fish, as fisherman do the black bass, we can hunt them. They are a schooling fish that tend to migrate to spawning habitat. They can be found and targeted through electro-shocking, netted, killed on the spot with a knife in hand, and left for dead to feed catfish populations and increase ecosystem health.

I know electroshocking large rivers like the mississippi seems like an unfeasable task, but this is 2011, and I think we are more civilized than our 1962 old techniques of retenone and potassium permanganate. If we want to get rid of these fish, we should do it the same way that we have deminished populations of fish for decades - through overfishing.

In this cash-poor economy, a price tag of \$2 per wisker will bring people to the river with nets and fishing poles. Fisherman mixed with an industrial sized electroshocking boat, and following 2 industrial net boats. A huge number of carp can be eliminated immediatley, and a giant scientific sampling of the current ecosystem can be counted.

Fisherman and DNR people can work together to find this fish, in every place that it lives, and eliminate it.

Thanks for listening,
and it is my passion to be involved,

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