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As President of local Chapter of TU and life-time member and an employee of the Hospitality Industry in Northern Michigan, I can only hope that the fish species in question doesn't get the opportunity to call our Great State home. Thousands of individuals visit our state each year for one reason- its pure beauty. This is due largely to the Great Lakes and all the recreational value it has given us. If a fish with its voracious appetite gets a chance to breed in such watersheds as the St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, Grand or Muskegon Rivers, its will be next to impossible to eradicate its presence. Minnow populations will collapse after phyto-plankton has been consumed by the Asian Carp, after that, larger fish species will follow. Fishing industry and boating will become a thing of the past, something -"My grandpa used to do." Migratory birds that travel from the Arctic Circle and take a small respite in the Great Lakes will no longer have minnows or baitfish to re-fuel, altering their path of migration which could lead to the extinction of some national icons.

I have personally invested many hours of my time along with others to improve the quality of our cold-water resources for future generations to enjoy, it seems obvious and yet a shame that we could instantly throw it all away in a very short time. This could not only impact our immediate economy, but if this were to get to the Canadian waters, we may not be able to repair that damage....

Sincerely,

Brian 'Koz' Kozminski

MVWTU President