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Letting these Asian Carp in will wreck the great lakes ecosystems and will cause loss of many jobs. I work for a company that has over 100 gas stations and marinas. We employ 800 people in Michigan, a state that relies on tourism as a major component of its economy. If the fishing is bad, then people will not come up north, and we will not be selling gas for their cars and boats. If sales are low we will look at closing stores and eliminating jobs as a result.

This is an emergency and we are now out of time. All this debate and political posturing and studies are getting us nowhere. I am disgusted with the inability of our federal government to effectively deal with this threat.

We have asked President Obama to close the canals and he has refused. It is only too obvious that he is taking care of his homeboys in Chicago. We have tried a judicial solution and that was rejected. Congress is debating legislation but while they fiddle the carp are swimming upstream. Again this is an emergency, we are out of time.

But the solution is simple. President Obama MUST to issue an executive order to permanently close the all of the canals NOW. He can use some of his stimulus funding that I am being taxed for to recompense the canal industry in Chicago, and create an over-land trucking industry there. This is a no brainer!

We just had an oil spill in the gulf which threatened commercial fishing and tourism. And the white house sure did jump to take measures to mitigate that disaster. In a few years the effects of that disaster will be gone.

These Asian Carp are an even greater threat to the commercial fishing and tourism economies in the Great Lakes, because the carp, and maybe other invasive species will be here to stay. A way of life will be destroyed, permanently.

If these fish get into our great lakes because this Presidential Administration fails to close off those canals in time, I propose the fish thereafter to be called "Obama Carp" to memorialize the administration that destroyed the Great Lakes ecosystem and tourism economy.