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The Asian carp, an invasive fish species that could devastate the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes, are at our back door just miles from Lake Michigan.

These fish are voracious filter feeders. The bighead carp can consume 40% of its body weight each day, while the silver carp's tendency to jump out of the water when startled makes them a hazard to boaters.

They would cause irreversible harm to the Great Lakes by consuming large quantities of algae and zooplankton, outcompeting native fish populations. The estimated impact to the recreational and commercial Great Lakes fisheries would reach to over \$4.5 billion.

The Corps was mandated to study ways to prevent invasive species movement between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. Deplorably, the Corps has decided to spend precious time and resources to also study ways to "reduce the risk," not just prevent. This was not authorized by Congress nor is it a credible strategy that will protect our Great Lakes. This is unacceptable and only options that will prevent invasive species movement and stop the Asian carp should be studied.