Thank you for your comment, David Oelerich.

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## Comment Submitted:

I am writing to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to recommend permanent hydrologic separation between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Interbasin Feasibility Study (GLMRIS).

Asian carp pose a severe and imminent threat to the Great Lakes fishery, valued at more than \$7 billion. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission agree that Asian carp are a significant threat to the Great Lakes because of their size, ability to reproduce prolifically, and ability to consume large amounts of food. They are well-suited to the climate of the Great Lakes region. If they enter the Great Lakes, they would likely become a dominant species and would compete for food with valuable sport and commercial fish.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment.