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I strongly urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to recommend PERMANENT hydrologic separation between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

Asian carp pose a severe and imminent threat to the Great Lakes fishery. If they enter the Great Lakes, they would likely become a dominant species and would completely alter the ecological balance of the Great Lakes.

Permanent hydrologic separation is the ONLY method to prevent the migration of Asian carp and other known and future aquatic invasive species between the basins.

The current timeline for the Corps study is too long, we don't have time to wait until 2015. The Corps needs to condense the timeline, which can be condensed by incorporating results from existing studies rather than repeating risk and other assessments, and by utilizing existing economic analysis.

The GLMRIS is intended to PREVENT invasive species from moving between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. We cannot wait!!

PERMANENT hydrologic separation between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes is needed now!!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the GLMRIS