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Sir/Madam:

I am Vice President of the Little Muskego Lake Association (LMLA) for Little Muskego Lake located in Waukesha County, WI. We have been working with the Wisconsin Bowfishing Association (WBA) in removing carp from our Lake by bow shooting carp using generators/lights in the evening. We are very concerned about carp populations and have been very pleased with the LMLA/WBA partnership. Thousands of carp have been removed from our 600+ acre Lake. Our carp population is getting under control, but the carp population still remains (and we continue to bow shoot carp out of the Lake). Our Lake is scheduled for another carp shoot on May 14th. I invite anyone to join us and observe this carp shoot activity.

We are also very concerned about these Asian carp getting close to the Great Lakes and eventually entering inland lakes. I understand the Chicago electric barrier will allow small fish (carp) to swim through. If the electrical power output can't be increased due to shipping concerns, other actions must be taken. The first thought is to separate the Mississippi/Great Lakes water basins (thought to be the most successful solution). Or, can Northern Pike and Panfish be stocked in the Chicago Sanitary Ship Canal? These stocked fish would eat small fish (carp) and the spawn from these larger fish. Other removal options are continued fish shocking or rotenone applications. These last two methods are probably not the most cost efficient.

Regarding the existing invasive species studies, please expedite the results. The data needs immediate review by everyone to develop the most efficient (and correct) course of action. All adjoining States around the Great Lakes have huge water business/recreation activities related to this vast tremendous water basin. The health of the entire Great Lakes depends on it.

Thank you for listening.

Ken Fries - LMLA