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Regarding Asian Carp: Facts: 1. The federal government introduced Asian Carp species into Louisiana years ago, and a few escaped from ponds into the Mississippi River, where they have reproduced to the point that they have crowded out almost all other fish species. 2. The Asian Carp have progressed northward in the River for many years, during which time the federal government has utterly failed to stem their spread. 3. The federal government has been relying on the electric barriers, which have been upgraded (and which I agree with). But, Asian Carp have now been found between the barriers and Lake Michigan, and DNA found in Lake Michigan. 4. This website is part of an effort by the Army Corps to try to mitigate any effects of Asian Carp establishing a population in the Great Lakes, but the Corps has publicly stated that it's goal is NOT zero tolerance of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes, but ONLY to mitigate any damage they cause. 5. WRONG GOAL!!!! My primary comment, as a citizen who lives on Lake Huron, is that the ONLY legitimate goal the Corps can have IS one of ZERO TOLERANCE of ANY Asian Carp getting into the Great Lakes, and that is the ABSOLUTE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMY CORPS!!! 6. It is the federal government that allowed Asian Carp into the U.S., allowed them to spread up the Mississippi by doing NOTHING, now refuses to close the locks that lead to Lake Michigan, and now is claiming that they only have to mitigate damage from Asian Carp, all while federal officials collect their taxpayer funded salaries and future pension checks, for doing nothing, and leaving an irreparable problem for the future to occur when they are fat, happy and retired. This is why the American people hate their government officials- for good reason. The federal government created this mess, and we citizens DEMAND zero tolerance of ANY Asian Carp in the Great Lakes. 7. Further, the Corps claims that zero tolerance is not needed. WRONG AGAIN!!!! I have basic biology information for you - it only takes two Carp, one male and one female, to establish a breeding population in Lake Michigan, where they WILL completely wipe out what is left of the native fish and other species of the food chain, after years of the Corps and other federal officials failing to do anything to prevent the spread of other invasive species. The spread could most easily and relatively cheaply been prevented by requiring all ships from the ocean to transfer cargoes to other ships in the Detroit River. But again, NOTHING was done and now it's too late. 8. I DEMAND AND INSIST that the Corps protect native Great Lakes species for future generations, like whitefish and trout. Asian Carp is not a fish suitable for human consumption and never will be, no matter what they think in China. It is the responsibility of the Army Corps to prevent more than a single Asian Carp from entering Lake Michigan by whatever means it takes, and anything short of that is simply another cop out! Shame on you for acting in that manner