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Dear Sirs:

Stewardship is a responsibility to protect nature for the good of everyone and everything eternally. When I went to U of Michigan in the late sixties and early seventies, Professor Joseph Sax established and helped to pass the Michigan Environmental Protection Act of 1970. This established the right to sue the government for unreasonable pollution of the environment by a citizen. The idea was to put the notion of “The Public Trust” supreme to destroying the environment for private or government gain. Citizens could sue private or government agencies that were destroying the natural resources of the State of Michigan. I helped the University of Michigan Law Society with John Watt because this was a time of hope and change. The resources, the water, the air, and the future of the Great Lakes were not for sale. For this reason, I would love to sue you, President Obama, and the entire Chicago Gang that is in charge of the decision making that would allow the total hydrological separation of the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River Basin. You are the problem and not the solution.

In the beginning, the Chicago River flowed into Lake Michigan. In the mid 1800’s That changed with the building of the Illinois and Michigan Shipping Canal. That canal hooked the river to the Mississippi and sent the sewage, drain water, ships, etc. down river. In 1925 the Government sued and the U S Supreme Court said that in 1926 that it was illegal. 10,000 cubic feet a minute was declared illegal. It lowered Lake Michigan six inches. However, the Chicago Canal still exists. It still sends water down the Mississippi and hooks the two bodies of water together.

I went to Louisiana in 1979. I worked off shore and on the boats initially and later in New Orleans for the Carpenter Union for ten years. We all talked about the blunder that the Corps of Engineers created by not allowing the brackish water to go into the marshes and that Louisiana was losing a football field of land an hour as a result. Yet, when I built the levees and walls around the City of New Orleans, and asked about forty five degree angled supports with large whalers and dead men of cement to support the walls from toppling during a category five hurricane, I was told it was not necessary. When I asked again, I was told, “We will study that.” When I asked the third, forth, and fifth time, I was told, “We will get back to you about that. We are studying that.” I now have

black mold in my lungs from helping out some of my friends clean up their homes after Hurricane Katrina.

I had bronchitis this winter again, because you evidently are, “Still studying that.”

Needless to say, I do not trust you at all.

You had a speak out to the Corps of Engineers study session here in Traverse City, Michigan. I said I represented the “Average Fisherman.” I spoke to you about the Asian Carp invasion. I was speaker number five. I asked the obvious questions, why your “study” would take so long, why you have no plan to hydrologically separate the Mississippi from the Great Lakes, and why you have no one from Michigan or Canada or from any Native American Tribe as an advisor to you. If I was the leader of the Country of Canada, I would have you in court. If I was a leader of a tribe here in Michigan, I would have you in court. However, the Attorney General for the State of Michigan has you in court and that is going as fast as a slow moving turtle. I asked you why you do not use noise abatement to stop the fish combined with the electric current. I spent eight years changing the Police Noise Abatement Code for the City of Traverse City. I know that specifically directioned noise in certain frequencies can stop the fish. After the second time that I spoke, the African American Serviceman in the Army Uniform informed me that you have no funding for this type of abatement. Why haven’t you applied for the funding if the fish are noise sensitive and jump into the boats? Why are you not using laser lights, walls of underwater sound, and electrical current? I feel that after the Asian Carp are here in the Great Lakes it will be like the walls around New Orleans that you “Are Still Studying That.” I don’t believe you, I don’t trust you, and I wish that I could sue you. You are The New Chicago Gang and are the problem.

God Bless Those Who Are To Work To Separate These Bodies of Water and Are Taking You to Court,

Gary Kent Keyes