

Asian Carp in Chicago Waterways

As you may know, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox is fighting Illinois and the federal government in the U.S. Supreme Court to force the closure of the locks in Chicago waterways currently infested with Asian carp. We've been joined by New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ontario. These invasive species could decimate our Great Lakes-based economy, valued in the billions, by ruining the ecology of our lakes and rivers. Anyone who has watched videos of Illinois rivers knows exactly what I am talking about.

Despite the clear evidence of an impending crisis, federal and state authorities in charge of the locks refuse to close them and are fighting us in court.

While we don't know what the outcome of the suit will be, we can mobilize folks in order to send a message to the federal and local authorities in charge that they must act now to protect Michigan and the other Great Lakes states. Illinois accounts for only 63 of the 10,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, yet today they control the fate of the entire Great Lakes basin.

Attorney General Cox has created a website, www.stopasiancarp.com, for citizens to sign an online petition, the results of which will be used to show Illinois and federal authorities that they must look at the needs of the entire Great Lakes basin.