

# **MUCC's Camo Coalition**

## **Take Action on Asian Carp!**

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### **Congress takes up bill that would ban the live transport of Asian carp!**

A Great Lakes bill is on the House floor today. H.R. 3049, the Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act (Rep. Green) is being considered now! This bill would statutorily list Asian carp as injurious under the Lacey Act and prohibit the importation or interstate commerce of live Asian carp. However, some southern supporters of aquaculture are working hard to oppose this legislation so we need to call our Congressmen and tell them to **VOTE YES ON H.R.3049!**

Use the information below to help you with your call (numbers listed below). Tell your Congressman:

- Vote "Yes" on H.R. 3049 to increase protections for the Great Lakes from Asian Carp
- Permantely authorize the Asian Carp Barrier at the Chicago Sanitary Shipping Canal
- End the dumping of contaminated ballast water in the Great Lakes

Asian carp threaten a \$4.5 billion dollar commercial and sport fishery in the Great Lakes . After escaping southern aquaculture ponds into the Mississippi River , imported Asian carp have swum to within 50 miles of Lake Michigan

. These prolific fish can grow to enormous sizes and out eat native species. If prevention barriers fail, the Great Lakes will be turned into what Fish and Wildlife Service scientists have called “giant carp ponds”.

This threat could have been avoided had proper prevention controls been in place. Now, an entire region of the country is threatened by this invasive species. Instead of allowing further trade of Asian carp, more controls are needed to keep this species from devastating the Great Lakes environment and economy.

Congress must take every step necessary to protect and restore the Great Lakes . Every day we wait the problems get worse and the solutions get more costly. Congress should also permanently authorize the barrier system in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and end contaminated ballast water from being dumped in Great Lakes ports. H.R. 3049 is a critical piece to preventing new aquatic invasive species from getting into the Great Lakes.

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