

**Michigan Trout Unlimited**  
**Asian Carp Control**  
**Sample Comment Letter/Email Message, May 8, 2010**

Dear Regional Coordinating Committee

My purpose in writing is to express my appreciation for the aggressive surveillance plan taking place above the electrical barrier, including temporary closure of the O'Brien Lock.

Thank you for taking the eDNA results seriously. I consider the major rotenone treatment ABOVE the electrical barrier a physical 'fact-check' of the eDNA evidence.

I appreciate your decision-making on the basis of the science, withstanding short-sighted criticism coming from Chicago-area commercial interests concerned about economic disruption. If anyone wants to talk about economic disruption, please refer them to those of us in the recreation economy spanning the entire basin. We share that concern...on an order of magnitude so many times greater, should the Asian carp become established in the Great Lakes.

Thank you for informing the public about the surveillance plan. There has been inadequate public communication about the implementation details of the Control Plan in the past 90 days.

Now, can you tell us how the rest of the plan is going?

- + flood barrier construction
- + bait sale controls
- + study of hydrological separation
- + study of operations/modifications to the locks
- + monitoring the other waterway connections to Lake Michigan
- + suppression of carp populations via commercial harvesting in the Illinois River

Best regards,

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