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To: Director Mark Miller

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Date: May, 7th, 2010

Subject: Conditions on the North Shore Channel from a quarter mile south of Oakton Street north (approximately 5 miles) to Wilmette Pumping Station.

The Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee has recommended the implementation of its Asian Carp Monitoring, Sampling, and Rapid Response Plan ("Plan"). This Asian Carp control effort includes, but is not limited to, a sampling effort on the North Shore Channel. An area extending from a quarter mile south of Oakton Street approximately five miles north to the Wilmette Pumping Station will be closed to recreational boating traffic for electrofishing and fishing nets. Nets stretched the entire width of the waterway, and electrofishing create extremely hazardous conditions for boaters.

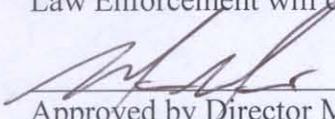
The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has authorization to designate restricted boating areas when navigation is significantly dangerous.

Section 2030.80 Hazardous Navigation Conditions - Designated Restricted Boating Areas

In the event that the Department of Natural Resources determines the presence of conditions that make navigation of a body of water significantly dangerous to the public, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources may, in coordination with the federal government, designate Restricted Boating Areas on any affected body of water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois. This designation shall be made by public announcement in local media and by posting at local public boat launches and marinas, and the restricted area shall be physically marked by buoys, signs, manned watercraft or yellow police tape. This designation will remain in effect until the Director of the Department of Natural Resources determines that navigation is no longer significantly dangerous to the public, but in no case shall the designation remain in effect longer than 90 days. Recision of the Restricted Boating Area designation shall be publicly announced in local media and posted at local public boat launches and marinas and any markings shall be removed.

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 15550, effective September 27, 2005)

I recommend the North Shore Channel from a quarter mile south of Oakton Street north (approximately 5 miles) to Wilmette Pumping Station be designated as a Restricted Boating Area effective at May 11, 2010, (8:00 a.m) through May 13, 2010 (5:00 p.m.). If you approve, please sign below and the Office of Law Enforcement will coordinate the implementation of the Restricted Boating Area designation.


Approved by Director Marc Miller