

As an organization whose purpose is: "To teach, inform, and guide the public to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, rivers, and land around us, and to promote and protect the fisheries resources therein." The issue of protecting the Great Lakes from the Asian Carp and all Invasive species is a high priority of the Detroit Area Steelheaders. As was seen in the port communities of Lake Huron, the decline of the Salmon Fishery is an economic disaster for them and the industries related to them, and the trickledown effect to the small town, mom and pop businesses such as motels, restaurants and so on. Allowing our Great Lakes fishery, which is valued at 7 billion annually, to be exposed to this devastating threat is unfathomable. We as sportsmen and women hold sacred the natural resources of our Great Lakes and support whole heartedly the efforts of our congressional leaders to STOP these threats. The Defending Against Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2014 sponsored by Rep. Candice Miller, provides for swift and effective measures to protect this resource. We urge all and our fellow clubs to help, in supporting our Congressional and U.S. Senate Representatives in this fight to protect our Great Lakes. We want to thank Representative Miller for sponsoring this important bill and hope that your colleagues will follow your lead and support the funding of this necessary project to insure the preservation and protection of one of the United States greatest natural resources.

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