

## **From the Healing Our Waters Coalition: ACTION ALERT**

### **CLOCK IS TICKING TO SAVE GREAT LAKES FROM ASIAN CARP**

#### **Take Action**

Call your Representative and Senators today. Tell them the Asian carp will destroy the Great Lakes and urge them to **act by authorizing and funding the electric barrier that will keep the Asian carp out of the Great Lakes before they adjourn this year.**

**The Capital switchboard, where you can be connected to your member of Congress is 202-224-3121.**

#### **Background**

When Congress returns from its break after the November election, they must take action to protect the Great Lakes as we know them for our kids and grandkids by keeping the Asian carp out of the Great Lakes. The threat to our family experiences like fishing and boating on the Great Lakes is real. Forget cutting your feet on zebra mussels; imagine having your teeth knocked out after getting clobbered by a flying 40-pound Asian carp. And the fragile Great Lakes ecosystem will receive the ultimate knockout blow when the voracious filter feeders literally suck the life out of the lakes.

If you need any inspiration to take action, read the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel 3-part series on Asian carp by Dan Egan. Trust us, it will fire you up. It will also make it pretty clear that if we can't keep the Asian carp out of the Great Lakes, all the rest of our work to restore the Great Lakes may be pointless.

#### **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Series by Dan Egan**

Part one: <http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=519063>

Part two: <http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=519235>

Part three: <http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=519491>