# 2011 ASIANCARP Control Strategy Matrix

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Action Item	Action	Agency	Agency Point of Contact	2010 Remaining GLRI Funding	2011 GLRI Funding Requested	2011 Available GLRI Funding (2010 Carryover & 2011 Requested)	
2.1.1	Enhanced Monitoring Efforts Above and Below the Electric Barrier System	IL DNR	John Rogner	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000	Collection of eDNA
2.1.2	Monitoring (Electrofishing) and Rapid Response Team Support	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Funding to allow a
2.2.1	Commercial Fishing for Removal Below Lockport Pool	IL DNR	John Rogner	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000	Budget increased t locations of those p
2.2.2	Commercial Market Enhancement/Recruitment Overfishing	IL DNR	John Rogner	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	IL DNR is collabora necessary to upgra
2.2.3	Investigation of Certification Requirements for Asian Carp Usage	IL DNR, USDA, USAID	John Rogner, IL DNR	\$0	\$0	\$0	IL DNR will work w
2.3.1	Construction of Des Plaines River and I&M Canal Barriers	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles, USACE	\$1,190,000	\$0	\$1,190,000	The construction o 26, 2010. Any rema
2.3.2	Expedited Construction of Barrier IIB	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles	\$0	\$0	\$0	USACE will continue expected to be con
2.3.3	Modified Structures and Operations	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles	\$0	\$0	\$0	USACE evaluated USACE also decid closures only in su
2.3.4	Tagged Fish Research to Test Barrier Effectiveness	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	In 2010, as part of hundred tags were
2.3.5	Wabash-Maumee Interim Watershed Separation	Indiana DNR	Doug Keller	\$0	\$0	\$0	Eagle Marsh, a 705 Little River and cro elevation. It was co
2.3.6	Wabash-Maumee Permanent Watershed Separation	USACE	Ernest Drott	\$1,000,000	\$3,800,000	\$4,800,000	A permanent soluti upon funding, regu
2.4.1	Efficacy Study	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles	\$0	\$0	\$0	USACE completed structures and mor
2.4.2	Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles	\$2,030,000	\$2,850,000	\$4,880,000	USACE is conduct provide a thorough The study will also NEPA scoping mee
2.4.3	Feasibility Assessment of Interbasin Transfer of Aquatic Invasive Species	USGS	Leon Carl	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$270,000	Fractures and othe barriers installed by
2.4.4	Great Lakes Ecological Models for Risk Assessment	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	USFWS will develor to take to: prevent
2.4.5	Forecasting Spread and Bio-economic Impacts of AIS from Multiple Pathways	NOAA	Jennifer Day	\$0	\$439,000	\$439,000	Without forecasts c ecological and eco
2.5.1	Investigate Tow Boats and Barges as Potential Vectors	USCG, USEPA, IL DNR, USACE	Tim Cummins, USCG	\$413,075	\$0	\$413,075	The first part of the leakage has on the
2.5.2	Assessment Study of Potential Impacts of Steel- hulled Barges on Fish Movement Across Electric	USACE	Ernest Drott	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000	Design and conduction timely funding, this
2.5.3	Research on the Impacts of Potential Asian Carp Vectors Being a Source of Fish or eDNA	USACE, USEPA	Ernest Drott, USACE; Bill Bolen, USEPA	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	Form interagency/insupports or refutes
2.5.4	Movement in the CAWS Understanding Asian Carp and Bluegreen Algae Dynamics	USGS	Leon Carl	\$179,000	\$200,000	\$379,000	The project will be may provide an foc
2.5.5	Risk Assessment of Asian Carp Establishment in the Great Lakes Based on Available Food Sources	USGS	Leon Carl	\$49,000	\$117,000	\$166,000	Bighead carp have thus establishing the transmission of transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmission of transmission o
2.5.6	Use of Seismic Technology to Divert or Eradicate Invasive Asian Carp	USGS	Leon Carl	\$15,000	\$450,000	\$465,000	Plans for FY 2011 means to inhibit pa collaborative oppor
2.5.7	Expand Research on the Identification of Asian Carp Attraction/Repulsion Pheromones	USGS	Leon Carl	\$173,000	\$160,000	\$333,000	In 2011, USGS exp confirm responsive currently working to
2.5.8	Identify Potential Compounds for Inclusion in a Toxicant Screening Program	USGS	Leon Carl	\$264,600	\$216,000	\$480,600	USGS will develop registration. Efforts
2.5.9	Evaluate Physical Methods to Disrupt Asian Carp Spawning Behavior and Decrease Egg Viability	USGS	Leon Carl	\$0	\$160,000	\$160,000	Research will be co egg viability while t
2.5.10	Characterization of Organism-Level Target Delivery Sites in Native Aquatic Animals	USGS	Leon Carl	\$164,600	\$170,000	\$334,600	Unique characteris gastrointestinal trac

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# Targeted Monitoring Assessment Activities Above and Below the Electric Barrier System\*

NA samples, contract commercial fishing, and conventional monitoring in "high risk" locations. USFWS, IL DNR, and USACE all have activities under this task and they include rapid response team support, enhanced monitoring, and eDNA monitoring of the CAWS.

#### a USFWS Team to conduct activities related to the Asian carplong-term monitoring and rapid responses.

## Commercial Harvesting and Removal Action Below the Electric Barrier System

d to reflect RCC reprioritization after the May 2010 fish sampling event near the O'Brien Lock. A comprehensive monitoring and rapid response plan for the Upper Illinois River was developed to systematically determine the distribution and abundance of Asian carp in the waterway and define the leading edge and reproduction e populations. This activity will focus on commercial overfishing for Asian carp at their leading edge.

orating with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the development of an Asian Carp Training, Certification, Incentives, and Market Development Program intended for commercial fishermen during the State's fiscal year 2011. IL DNR and DCEO made an initial \$2 million dollar investment grade the Illinois' fish processing facilities. The state will continue to expand the commercial market for Asian carp in Illinois and beyond This activity funds the recruitment overfishing and processing of Asian carp for this effort.

with the Illinois Congressional delegation to identify certification procedures necessary for Asian carp to be declared suitable for use in US sponsored humanitarian relief efforts.

#### Barrier Action and Waterway Separation Measures

of channel blocking in the I&M Canal to preclude transfer of Asian carp during flood events into the CSSC was completed in June 2010. The Des Plaines River temporary barriers and woven wire mesh fencing over a 13.2 mile stretch from Romeoville to Willow Springs was completed on October maining carryover monies will be reprogrammed for other Framework items. Additional and/or more permanent separation measures will be assessed in the Efficacy Study Report.

tinue construction of a second barrier capable of running at voltage levels high enough to repel fish to further fortify the existing electric barrier. Additional power was required for Barrier IIB due to increased salinity in the water and USACE funding was used to build another power station. Construction and operational testing is completed by December, 2010. Safety testing is expected to be complete in January 2011 for a fully operational start no later than February 2011

ed whether and how to modify the operations of the Chicago and O'Brien locks to deter Asian carp migration into the Great Lakes. In its Interim III Report of the Efficacy Study, USACE recommended installing screens on the sluice gates at the T.J. O'Brien Lock and Dam (other sluice gates in the CAWS are operated by MWRD). cided to use the intermittent closure of the Chicago and O'Brien locks, on an as-needed basis, in support of fish control and eradication efforts performed by the resource agencies and in coordination with USCG. The installation of the screens was approved and concurred with the recommended method of intermittent lock support of fish suppression measures in July of 2010. USACE installed one screen at T.J. O'Brien lock and dam in December 2010 and will install the remaining screen in Spring 2011 after the winter season.

of the Monitoring and Rapid Response Work Group (MRRWG) monitoring plan, the telemetry effort objective was refined to assess the effect and efficacy of the Electric Dispersal Barrier (Barrier) on fish in the upstream and downstream environment of the CSSC. Tagging focuses on both Asian carp and surrogate species. Two ere procured for this effort. By Spring 2011 all 200 tags will be utilized (as of December 2010, 105 tags have been implanted). Smaller fish response to the Barriers. Tracking (stationary receiver supplemented by mobile tracking) will continue to monitor the location of all tagged fish.

705-acre wetland southwest of Fort Wayne, IN, straddles a natural geographic divide at the Wabash and Maumee River basin boundaries. Asian carp are currently known to exist on the Wabash River approximately 20 miles from Eagle Marsh. During flood conditions, there is concern that Asian carp will move upstream through cross over the divide to the Maumee basin giving the Asian carp direct access to Lake Erie. As an interim solution mesh fencing was installed across a section of the marsh, creating a barrier against passage of Asian carp between the basins. The fence is approximately 1,200 feet long and rises above the 100-year flood completed October 6, 2010. Also included in this measure is operation and maintenance, equipment, and personnel costs. eDNA sampling will occur twice a year as per the contract. An Asian carp telemetry project in the area is also being considered under this action.

ution will include a feasibility study to determine what actions are to be taken and under what available authorities for construction activities. USACE can construct a permanent solution following study completion given appropriate funding, authorities and eventually willing and viable cost sharing partners. This action is dependent gulation authority and a local sponsor. Based on initial analysis of permanent options and potential corresponding costs, the FY2011 funding level is an estimate only.

#### CAWS Barrier System and Great Lakes Mississippi River Inter-Basin Study Activities

ed Interim Reports 1, 3 and 3A of the Efficacy Study. Additional work in 2011 will include evaluation of other potential measures to deter the migration of the Asian carp and be documented in the Efficacy Study report. Other types of electrical and behavioral barriers, assisted transits/vectors, and review of the use of existing nonitoring technologies are being considered. The report will also provide a preliminary assessment of economic impacts from lock closures and consider measures to control access to Lake Michigan through the Little Calumet and Grand Calumet Rivers.

acting a Feasibility Study of the options and technologies that could be applied to prevent or reduce the risk of AIS transfer between Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, through aquatic pathways. This is a long-term effort performed in collaboration with federal, state, regional, and local agencies and NGOs. The study will gh identification of potential hydraulic connections between the two basins, identification and exploration prevention technologies. These technologies include but are not limited to physical or ecological separation. so evaluate the potential for extended (temporary or permanent) closure of locks and other physical structures to impede continued migration of AIS. The study is being conducted in two focus areas: Focus Area 1 consists of the CAWS and Focus Area II consists of Outside Pathways. GLMRIS was authorized in December 2007. neetings will begin on December 15, 2010. This study is depenedent upon adequate funding over multiple fiscal years and fuill collabroation with federal, state, local agencies and governmental/regulatory bodies.

her potential pathways by which water that could contain eggs or roe could transfer between the Des Plaines River above the electric barriers is being assessed. Also, a high-flow event along the Des Plaines River which creates overland flow will also be logged to determine the effectiveness of the Des Plaines and I and M Canal by the USACE to prevent migration of Asian carp. Additional activities with Upper Midwest Environmental Research Center in LaCrosse could include scale tests of Asian carp eggs moving through scale models with similar types of fractures.

elop quantitative models that predict Asian carp impacts on the food web of Lakes Michigan, Erie, and Huron. These modeling approaches will provide decision makers with separate predictions of Asian carp impacts, and uncertainties of those predictions. Predicted impacts of Asian carp will support decisions about what actions nt invasions, monitor for new invasions, rapidly respond to incipient invasions, and control established populations of invaders.

s of the arrival and bio-economic impact of non-indigenous species, natural resource management agencies cannot cost effectively respond to current invasions. Investigators will combine scientific, economic, risk analysis, and management expertise to increase capabilities for forecasting both conomic impact of current and future species invasions, quantify major uncertainties and ways to reduce uncertainty, and identify actions to improve cost effective management of invasive species in the Great Lakes

#### Research and Technology Development

he barge survey assessed more than 100 local and long distance barges and 10 towboats. The results from this study will be used to develop plans for further carp studies next spring. These studies will include (through field experimentation) sampling barge tanks for indications of Asian carp, evaluating the effects that tank the potential transport of Asian carp, evaluate the probability of Asian carp survival in barge tanks.

duct experiments to test the effectiveness of the Electric Barriers IIA and IIB in the presence of steel-hulled barges are affected differently by the electric feilds than if they are swimming without the presence of such vessels. Given nis Framework item could inform other on-going study efforts.

y/industry task force to validate or disprove the vector paths of eDNA entering the water column via dead Asian carp being discarded from moving vessels, and eDNA present in sewer outflows. The task force must establish factual evidence that es the viability and effectiveness of these access pathways.

be expanded in 2011 to outdoor water bodies to accommodate larger fish than those used in the first year of the project. Due to the life history of the animals, the young fish required to begin the project were available in July 2010 so data collection began at that time. Blue green algae blooms resulting from the mussel invasion food source for bighead carp, enhancing their invasion. Noxious bluegreen algal blooms, under some circumstances, can be enhanced by interaction with silver and bighead carp, and presence of these carp may enhance toxin production by noxious algae.

ve yet to become established in the open waters of the Great Lakes. However, under varying conditions bighead carp have been observed to diversify their diet beyond their preferred plankton sources and feed on detritus. Feeding studies are needed under controlled conditions where the flexibility in the carp diet can be defined their ability to maintain large populations in the Great Lakes, which includes looking at the behavior of Asian carp to eat alternative food sources such as Cladophora found in the Great Lakes.

1 will include purchase of additional hydro guns, construction of an array for mobilization along with additional work will study lethal and sub-lethal effects of seismic technology to divert or eradicate invasive Asian carp as a passage and reduce recruitment. Initial dose response studies will determine the effects of different sound wave frequencies on various age classes of Asian carp at a range of distances from the sound source. Initial and delayed lethality will be assessed, as well as sub-lethal evading behaviors. This project presented several portunities with other agencies throughout the year including efforts taken with USFWS, the Bureau of Reclamation, Alaska Fish and Game, and IL DNR. USACE also expressed interest in future work to model how the sound waves travel through the CSSC and its effects on the canal.

expects to complete physiological olfactory screen of over 100 chemicals from 18 classes of compounds, and behavioral studies of about 40 of the most efficacious of these. Expanded screening will be conducted for the most promising of the attractants to determine consistency and persistence of response with follow up tests to iveness in the field. USGS is also working with University of Minnesota to screen 240 different potential compounds for pheromone attraction research. In 2011, compounds will be screened by electric stimuli to see how strongly fish respond. Six hundred juvenile Bighead carp were acquired for testing phase and USGS is g to obtain permits to transport fish to Minnesota for testing.

op cooperative research and development agreements to access pharmaceutical or agrochemical company chemical libraries to identify potential candidate toxicants. Studies will be required to assess selective toxicity of candidate toxicants between Asian carp versus native fishes. Additional data would be required to support rts would be made to target those compounds/formulations with present agrichemical/pesticide use. USGS is also currently synthesizing a new chemical to determine if it is a potential toxicant for species-specific control.

e conducted to evaluate potential methods to disrupt Asian carp spawning and to alter Asian carp egg viability through the identification of Asian carp egg response to electrical fields, sonication, etc. to develop methods to reduce e the eggs drift downstream of Asian carp spawning areas will be conducted.

ristics (e.g., digestive system pH, enzyme profile, microbial community, etc.) that can be used in the development of species-specific management chemicals will be identified. Research will be conducted to identify and characterize potential bioactive agent delivery sites within Asian carp including the gill, skin, and ract. Research will focus on collection of data on the physiological characteristics of both Asian carp and native species to provide an understanding of factors that might affect delivery of a bioactive agent. Additional basic and applied research will lead to development of optimized delivery components to enhance selectivity and

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2.5.11	Great Lakes' Tributary Assessment for Asian Carp Habitat Suitability	USGS	Leon Carl	\$175,000	\$166,000	\$341,000	Tributaries that wo water into nursery tributaries in FY 20
2.5.12	Technologies Using Oral Delivery Platforms for Species-Specific Control	USGS	Leon Carl	\$1,096,000	\$1,030,000	\$2,126,000	Work will continue piscicides into a ta selectivity and spe
2.5.13	Study Efficacy of Reducing Asian Carp Food Source Through Nutrient Removal	USEPA	Candace Bauer; Bill Bolen	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	In the CAWS, the (using advanced b
2.5.14	Efficacy Study for Toxic Zones Using Plant	MWRD	Richard Lanyon	\$0	\$0	\$0	Create a toxic zon
2.5.15	Effluent Develop Alternate Traps and Net Designs to Enhance Asian Carp Capture Rates	IL DNR	John Rogner	\$0	\$0	\$0	Successful control alternative nets an refined for optimur
2.5.16	Development of a Rapid and Quantitative Genetic- Based Asian Carp Detection Method	USGS	Leon Carl	\$0	\$205,000	\$205,000	USGS proposes to common genetic b extracted and use can be greatly enh
2.6.1	eDNA Monitoring of the CAWS	USACE	Col. Vincent Quarles	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	eDNA sampling w and processed at
2.6.2	USFWS Capacity for eDNA Sampling for Early Detection	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	USFWS Great Lat framework item wi eDNA sampling pr
2.6.3	eDNA Calibration and Increased Efficiency	USACE	Ernest Drott	\$0	\$1,970,000	\$1,970,000	To further validate establishment in the
2.6.4	USFWS Region 3 Fisheries Capacity for eDNA	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000	Develop capacity
2.6.5	Processing eDNA Genetic Marker Development	USACE	Ernest Drott	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	The goal is to deve carp and bighead potential studies o
2.7.1	Investigation of Northeast Illinois' Bait Shops	IL DNR	John Rogner, IL DNR	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	Use eDNA techno Cook, DuPage, Ke
2.7.2	Increased Lacey Act Enforcement of Illegal Transport of Injurious Wildlife	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	This activity includ has reinitiated the
2.7.3	Increased Public Outreach and Enforcement	IL DNR	John Rogner	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	Increase officer pr known for having a
2.8.1	State and Interstate AIS Management Plans	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$0	\$0	State and Interstat
2.8.2	Competitive Funding Opportunities	USEPA	Bill Bolen	\$0	\$0	\$0	For FY 2010, USE
2.8.3	Incident Command System Training and Communication	IL DNR	John Rogner	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	This activity will fu is through this sys
2.8.4	USFWS National Asian Carp Plan/Activities - Great Lakes Basin	USFWS	Charles Wooley	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Develop and imple rapid assessment
2.9	Other Asian Carp Support Activities	USEPA	Bill Bolen	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	Contract support fo • Federal Executiv • Contractor support • Multi-agency bar • Rapid responses • Communication a

	2011 GLRI Funding Requested	2011 Available GLRI Funding (2010 Carryover & 2011 Requested)
Total MRR		
Total USFWS	\$5,150,000	\$5,208,000
Total USGS	\$3,024,000	\$5,260,200
Total USACE	\$10,820,000	\$15,040,000
Total USCG	\$0	\$413,075
Total IL DNR	\$5,230,000	\$5,230,000
Total IN DNR	\$0	\$0
Total USEPA	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000
Total NOAA	\$439,000	\$439,000
Total	\$26,113,000	\$33,040,275

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would be suitable for bighead carp spawning need to be identified to focus management efforts for evaluating invasion success, as well as sites to launch control actions. Recent USGS research has determined the developmental stage at which bigheaded carp larvae are capable of swimming and migrating laterally from flowing ry habitats. This knowledge can be used in a model of river velocity and temperature to more accurately determine which rivers are suitable for spawning and recruitment of bigheaded carp. These funds would allow the completion of the two tributary assessments that began in FY 2010, and the start of assessments of two more accurately determine which rivers are suitable for spawning and recruitment to finish the first two tributary assessment involves the collection of field data during a high-flow events. The high-flow events collected in FY 2010 will be analyzed and documented to finish the first two tributaries, the St. Joseph River in Michigan and Indiana, and the Milwaukee River in Wisconsin.

ue to (1) compare and contrast Asian carp gill structures relative to native fish, (2) characterize Asian carp gastrointestinal pH and digestive enzyme profiles, and (3) determine the response of Asian carp to oral dosing with rotenone or antimycin for targeted delivery systems. Work will be initiated to prepare incorporated registered targeted delivery platform using one or more MicroMatrix<sup>TM</sup> formulations and determine appropriate locations to conduct experimental field applications. Development of a targeted oral delivery platform using novel incorporation technologies that have the capacity to deliver biocides to specific target sites in AIS may increase the pecificity of both current and potential new management chemicals.

e Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) effluent makes up the majority of the flow and, thus, the nutrients fuel phytoplankton growth, which (along with suspended organic matter present in effluent) serves as the primary food source of the carp. Nutrient reductions could be accomplished by removing phosphorus and nitrogen lbiological nutrient removal processes) from WWTPs that discharge into the CAWS/Upper Illinois Watershed thereby removing the primary food source of Asian carp and limiting their movement through this area.

one through the bypass of ammonia-laden primary effluent to the CSSC at the Stickney plant and the Little Calumet River at the Calumet plant to kill fish migrating upstream. The two zones would block passage to the lakefront control structures. Full-scale testing would be included in the study.

rol or eradication of Asian carp requires that the rate of removal exceeds the rate of increase and that there is an ability to target all individuals in a population. There is a need to develop new trap or netting methods that can capture Asian carp at low densities. A working group of experts will be established to design a set of and trap designs, and identify available chemical and sound attractants and/or repellants that could be used in combination to increase Asian carp capture rates that would lead to the design and construction of systems that would more effectively drive or herd Asian carp into net or trap designs. These systems would be built and num performance downstream of USACE's electric barriers where low densities of carp are known to occur and then deployed above the electric barriers in the CAWs and/or Great Lakes rivers where eDNA technology indicates the likely presence of Asian carp.

to develop a genetic-based method to determine the relative abundance of microbes in fecal materials discharged from bighead and silver carp. This approach is based on the same assumption that host-specific microbial populations are present in the fecal materials from Asian carp, and can be identified based on the use of a biomarker found in all life. This approach has been successfully applied to identify sources of fecal contamination in rivers, lakes, and drinking water distribution systems. To identify Asian carp-specific biomarkers, fecal materials from different Asian carp and indigenous fishes will be obtained. The DNA materials will be obtained to detect the abundance of specific biomarkers. On-site detection is possible with proper equipment provided. As the amount of fecal materials discharged from Asian carp is significantly high, the detection sensitivity nhanced compared with the current eDNA method. The use of genetic biomarkers can further ensure the specificity of detection for Asian carp, and differentiate the detection signal from other non-Asian carp in the river. These features have advantages over the current technology and may allow for more rapid results.

## eDNA Analysis and Refinement

within the CAWS will include the collection of water samples at various fixed sampling reaches and at other locations designated by the Monitoring and Rapid Response Workgroup. USFWS and IL DNR support this effort by collecting the samples with the USACE field crew. Samples will be filtered at the USEPA Region 5 lab at the USACE Engineering Research and Development Laboratory to determine the presence of Asian carp eDNA within the CAWS.

akes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices have the expertise and capability to perform eDNA sampling in support of analysis work planned for the La Crosse Fish Health Center. However, no comprehensive, effective, and efficient program is currently being conducted in the Great Lakes to detect incipient invasions. This will provide USFWS Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office facilities with the resources and expertise to conduct integrated long-term early detection activities with a particular focus on locations in southern Lake Michigan, western Lake Erie and other investigational hotspots. USFWS will also begin work on development of an protocol to be incorporated into long term monitoring strategy in collaboration with participating agencies.

te its use as an effective tool, its methodology must be further refined and its analysis capacity increased. A series of experiments will be done to refine the sensitivity and intensity of eDNA detections in manipulated pond and artificial stream experiments to better inform the management actions needed to help prevent Asian carp the Great Lakes.

y for systematic collection and analysis of eDNA samples in the support of species management plans (such as, AIS prevention and control and native species recovery and restoration).

evelop high-fidelity, sensitive genetic markers for detecting the presence of Asian carp DNA in filtered water samples based on real-time or quantitative polymerase chain reactions (qPCR). This activity will lead to the development of optimized fluorescent oligonucleotide probes for use in quantitative PCR assays for eDNA silver d carp. Development of new qPCR-based eDNA markers for Asian carp will allow more direct control over eDNA processing schedules, should provide for greater efficiency of eDNA processing, and may provide for a greater degree of sensitivity to eDNA at low concentrations. This work will serve as a basis for advancing future on eDNA calibration.

### Enforcement Activities

nology to collect water from area bait shops minnow stock tanks and test for the presence of Asian carp minnows. This monitoring will help ensure fisherman are not inadvertently redistributing Asian carp. Fifty two wholesale and retail establishments with valid permits to sell live minnows were identified in Lake, McHenry, Kane, Kendall, Kankakee, Will and Grundy counties. IL DNR, assisted by a university, investigated these bait shops to identify whether Asian carp are collected and sold as bait in the Chicago area. IL DNR will continue to collect one or more water samples from bait shops to screen for the presence of Asian carp using eDNA.

udes intra- and interstate surveillance and enforcement of illegal transportation of Asian carp and will support Federal law enforcement activities to enforce the Lacey Act, and to work in coordination with State law enforcement partners to enforce State statutes and regulations related to AIS prevention and control. Also, USFWS e process for listing bighead carp as injurious under the Lacey Act and preparation of the preliminary rulemaking package and support documentation has begun, with an estimated complete date of approximately one year.

presence and enforcement activity related to Asian carp. In addition to continuing audits and inspections of bait shops, IL DNR staff and Conservation Police officers will perform education and enforcement activities at fish processors, fish markets, and retail food establishments. These activities will focus on ethnic markets ga preference for live fish for release or food preparation. In addition, import and export audits and inspections will be performed to ensure compliance with both federal Lacey Act and Illinois Injurious Species Rule.

Funding Opportunities and Agency Preparation Activities for AIS

tate Pest Management Plans and Asian carp activities for eight Great Lakes states. While funding of these plans is not directly related to Asian carp activities, States may direct resources as they deem appropriate to prevent the introduction or migration of Invasive Species which could include Asian carp.

SEPA awarded a \$1,000,000 grant to a university for the assessment of eDNA analysis within Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes. Similar opportunities may be available once again in FY2011.

fund training for redundant Incident Management Teams and provide for basic Incident Command System training for all responding personnel. Lessons learned from the Rotenone response activities in FY2010 have indicated that the only effective, efficient, and safe way by which to conduct these multi-agency response activities in FY2010 have indicated that the only effective, efficient, and safe way by which to conduct these multi-agency response activities in FY2010 have indicated that the only effective, efficient, and safe way by which to conduct these multi-agency response activities in FY2010 have indicated that the only effective, efficient, and safe way by which to conduct these multi-agency response

plement an early detection surveillance program for bighead and silver carps in and near the Great Lakes. This program would complement the eDNA sampling and analysis programs already being implemented by other agencies. If either bighead or silver carp are collected in the Great Lakes, then USFWS would implement a nt sampling program to describe distribution and relative abundance. Initial sampling is proposed targeting rivers being monitored for eDNA, western Lake Erie, the Wabash-Maumee separation site, and several other Great Lakes-Mississippi River inter-basin flood connection points.

# Other Asian Carp Support Activities

t for Great Lakes National Program Office, Region 5, and CEQ activities to include the following:

tive Committee and ACRCC support (\$100,000)

port (\$300,000)

arrier defense activities (\$300,000)

e support including costs for travel and relocation of equipment by other agencies (\$400,000)

n and outreach activities (\$50,000)