Asian Carp Sampling Summary

A sampling summary for the week of November 19, 2012 is included below. All data presented in this summary are preliminary and subject to revision.

Bottom Line: Monitoring occurred in the CAWS and upper Illinois Waterway upstream and downstream of the Dispersal Barrier. NO BIGHEAD OR SILVER CARP were reported captured or observed upstream of the Barrier, nor were any found in new locations downstream of the Barrier.

Fixed and Random Site Sampling Upstream of the Dispersal Barrier

Area 1: Lake Calumet Connecting Channel and
Calumet River above O'Brien Lock
Area 2: Calumet-Sag Channel
Area 3: Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal,
Western Ave. to Dispersal Barrier
Area 4: North Shore Channel, North Branch
Chicago River and Chicago River

Two crews from the IDNR completed 30 15-minute electrofishing runs at five fixed sites (7.5 hours total) and 10 15-minutes runs at randomly selected locations in the four random site areas upstream of the Dispersal Barrier (2.5 hours total). In addition, two contracted commercial fishing crews and assisting IDNR biologists set 3.1 miles of net (27 sets) at the five fixed sites and 0.9 miles of net (7 sets) at random sites upstream of the Barrier. No bighead or silver carp were reported captured or seen above the Barrier.

Fixed Sites Downstream of the Dispersal Barrier

- Site A: Lockport Pool Lockport Lock and Dam to Electric Barrier
- **Site B:** Brandon Road Pool Brandon Road Lock and Dam to Lockport Lock and Dam

Site C: Dresden Island Pool – I-55 Bridge to Brandon Road Lock and Dam

Site D: Marseilles Pool - Rt. 47 Bridge (Morris) to Dresden Lock and Dam

Contracted commercial fishers and assisting IDNR biologists set 1.8 miles of net (16 sets) at the four fixed sites downstream of the Barrier. No bighead or silver carp were captured at Sites A and B, nor were any captured at new locations at Sites C and D. Electrofishing at downstream fixed sites took place during the week of November 12.