

CAWS Advisory Committee

Alliance for the Great Lakes
American Waterways Operators
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Council of Great Lakes Industries
Environmental Law and Policy Center
Friends of the Chicago River
General Iron Industries, Inc.
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Great Lakes Commission
Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council
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Illinois Farm Bureau
Illinois International Port District
Illinois River Carriers Association
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Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
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Mid-West Truckers Association
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Natural Resources Defense Council
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Northwest Indiana Forum
Northwestern Indiana Regional
Planning Commission
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Prairie Rivers Network
Save the Dunes
Sierra Club - Illinois Chapter
Illinois Dept. of Transportation
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Indiana Dept. of Transportation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Department of Transportation
White House Council on Environmental Quality

CAWS Advisory Committee Charge

Solutions to stop inter basin transfer of aquatic invasive species in the Chicago Area Waterway System:

- Participate in the evaluation, refinement and improvement of long term solutions, such as those presented in the GLMRIS and Restoring the Natural Divide reports to stop the inter-basin transfer of invasive species while maintaining or improving water quality, transportation, recreational uses and flood protection, and develop an implementation strategy for those solutions determined to be viable; and
- Encourage and participate in the development of partnerships for multi-jurisdictional and cross-sector cost sharing.

The general steps follow basic problem solving logic:

- Set a foundation for the discussion
- Clarify and analyze options
- Develop recommendations from those options
- Get feedback from the Advisory Committee and other stakeholders
- Seek consensus

Letter to Members of the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation (August 25th)

The Advisory Committee asks that Congress support and fund the following:

- Design of a new engineered channel to be constructed in the approach to the Brandon Road lock.
- Evaluation, engineering, and design of control technologies to deploy in the approach channel and the Brandon Road lock structure.
- Research to further evaluate reconfiguring locks as a means to control aquatic invasive species.

Request: The Advisory Committee requests that Congress provide \$8 million, and additional funding levels as appropriate, to the Army Corps of Engineers in FY 2015 to conduct the above studies.