

1 AN ACT concerning fish.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 20-82 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-82 new)

7 Sec. 20-82. Asian Carp Reduction Pilot Program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Natural  
9 Resources shall establish a one-year pilot program to stimulate  
10 the bulk harvest of Bighead Carp (*hypophthalmichthys noblis*)  
11 and Silver Carp (*hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) in the Illinois  
12 River and to increase the number of native fish.

13 (b) The General Assembly may appropriate an amount not to  
14 exceed \$3,000,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for  
15 the purposes of this pilot program. From the amounts  
16 appropriated, the Department may enter into contracts with  
17 licensed commercial fishermen and other organizations for the  
18 administration, staffing, materials, and equipment necessary  
19 for the program, and the Department may also use appropriated  
20 funds to establish grants to natural resource conservation  
21 organizations that serve the Illinois River basin for the  
22 purposes of this program.

23 (c) The pilot program shall include the development of a

1 scientific plan to reduce or remove Bighead Carp and Silver  
2 Carp from the river system.

3 (d) The Department shall issue a report with the results of  
4 the Asian Carp Reduction Pilot Program to the General Assembly  
5 no later than December 31, 2009.

6 (e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2010.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.