

HB0872



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

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Introduced 2/10/2009, by Rep. Jim Watson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/20-82 new

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Natural Resources to establish a one-year pilot program to reduce asian carp by stimulating its bulk harvest in the Illinois River and by increasing the number of native fish. Requires the Department to issue a report with the results of the Asian Carp Reduction Pilot Program to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2010. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Repeals the provisions January 1, 2011. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 nobilis*)
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, 2010.

6 (e) Rulemaking authority to implement this amendatory Act
7 of the 96th General Assembly, if any, is conditioned on the
8 rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the
9 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and all rules and
10 procedures of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; any
11 purported rule not so adopted, for whatever reason, is
12 unauthorized.

13 (f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2011.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.