

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 harvest  
10 Bighead Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*) and Silver Carp  
11 (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) in the Illinois River with the  
12 objective to increase the number of native fish and to curtail  
13 severely the reproductive capacity of these invasive species.

14 (b) The General Assembly may appropriate an amount not to  
15 exceed \$3,000,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for  
16 the purposes of this pilot program. From the amounts  
17 appropriated, the Department may enter into contracts with  
18 research institutions, such as Southern Illinois  
19 University-Carbondale and the Illinois Natural History Survey  
20 for administration, staffing, materials, equipment, and  
21 research necessary for the program. The Department may also use  
22 appropriated funds for administrative costs it incurs to  
23 implement this program.

1       (c) The pilot program shall include the development of a  
2       scientific plan to reduce or remove Bighead Carp and Silver  
3       Carp from the river system.

4       (d) The Department shall issue a report with the results of  
5       the Asian Carp Reduction Pilot Program to the General Assembly  
6       no later than December 31, 2010.

7       (e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2011.

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