

UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of:

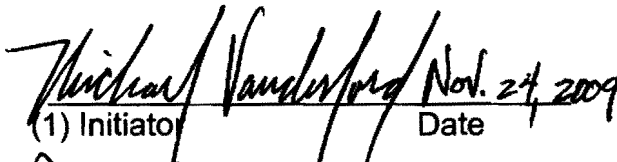


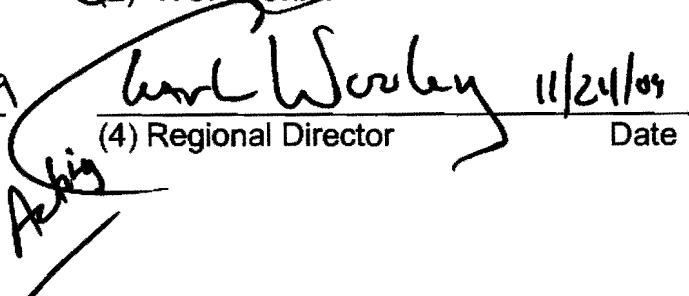
1/ Funding the participation of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in a five-day, multi-agency project to treat a 5.7-mile section of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal of the Illinois River system with rotenone; and;

2/ Conducting spot-checks of areas upstream of the electrical-carp-barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal for presence of Asian carp using small amounts of rotenone;

is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Supporting documents (list):

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service FONSI
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Environmental Assessment
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' FONSI
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Seven-Day Public Notice
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Comprehensive Environmental Review Process document

 _____ (1) Initiator	Nov. 24, 2009 _____ Date	 _____ (2) WSFR Chief	11/24/09 _____ Date
 _____ (3) ARD - MBSP	11/24/2009 _____ Date	 _____ (4) Regional Director	11/24/09 _____ Date

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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that:

1/ Funding the participation of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in a five-day, multi-agency project to treat a 5.7-mile section of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC) with rotenone; and;

2/ Conducting spot-checks of areas upstream of the electrical-carp-barriers in the CSSC for presence of Asian carp using small amounts of rotenone;

are not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

a/ The five-day project is an action of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Chicago District (COE), for which the COE has developed an Environmental Assessment (attachment 1), issued a Finding of No Significant (attachment 2), and completed a seven-day Public Notice (attachment 3).

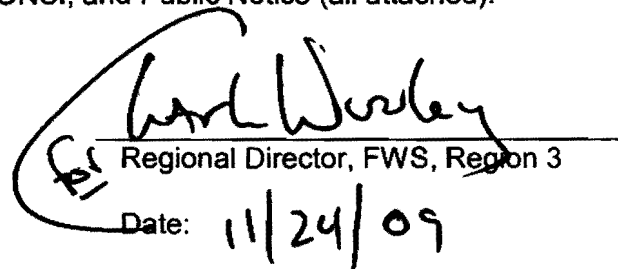
b/ The overwhelming majority of fishes in the CSSC are non-native fishes, including the target species Asian carp.

c/ The use of rotenone in the CSSC would not cause significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment, and would have only beneficial impacts upon the ecological, social, and economic resources of the Region and the Great Lakes.

d/ The spot-checks of the CSSC up stream of the electrical-carp-barriers will have inconsequential additional effects beyond the actions covered by the COE's environmental assessment.

Supporting References:

1. Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, dated 12-22-78
2. Supplemental Federal Aid Environmental Impact Statement. September, 1994
2. The IL DNR's Comprehensive Environmental Review Process report (attachment 4).
3. The COE's Environmental Assessment, FONSI, and Public Notice (all attached).

  
Regional Director, FWS, Region 3  
Date: 11/24/09

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