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To direct the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a study of the feasibility of a variety of approaches to eradicating Asian carp from the Great Lakes and their tributary and connecting waters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Eradicating Asian
5 Carp in the Great Lakes Study Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASIAN CARP ERADICATION STUDY AND REPORT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United States
8 Fish and Wildlife Service shall conduct a study to—

1 (1) identify methods to eradicate Asian carp
2 from the Illinois Waterway System, including meth-
3 ods for harvesting Asian carp; and

4 (2) evaluate the feasibility and costs of each
5 such method.

6 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall conduct the
7 study under subsection (a) in consultation with—

8 (1) the Administrator of the National Oceanic
9 and Atmospheric Administration; and

10 (2) at least two interstate bodies representing
11 the Mississippi River and Great Lakes States.

12 (c) CONTENTS.—The study shall include, at a min-
13 imum, an evaluation of the feasibility of temporarily har-
14 vesting Asian carp as a method for eradicating the carp
15 from the Illinois River. Such evaluation shall include eval-
16 uations of—

17 (1) species biomass and distribution for all fish
18 species in the Illinois River, including a comparison
19 with historical biomass and distribution data if such
20 data is available;

21 (2) possible harvesting methods for Asian carp;

22 (3) possible products that could be generated
23 from Asian carp;

24 (4) available types of temporary processing lo-
25 cations for harvested Asian carp;

1 (5) the environmental effects of constructing
2 and operating temporary processing facilities at such
3 locations;

4 (6) methods to repopulate the Illinois River eco-
5 system with native species; and

6 (7) the effect of Asian carp on the Illinois River
7 ecosystem if temporary harvesting of Asian Carp is
8 not conducted.

9 (d) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in consulta-
11 tion with the Administrator, shall submit to Con-
12 gress a report containing the findings, conclusions,
13 and recommendations resulting from the study
14 under subsection (a).

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include rec-
16 ommendations concerning—

17 (A) regulatory and other mechanisms to
18 ensure—

19 (i) expeditious action to address the
20 Asian carp problem;

21 (ii) effective eradication of such carp;
22 and

23 (iii) that an appropriate deadline is
24 set for the completion of harvesting of such
25 carp;

1 (B) preferred harvesting methods for
2 Asian carp;

3 (C) the ideal quantity and distribution
4 of—

5 (i) temporary processing locations for
6 harvested Asian carp; and

7 (ii) temporary buying stations for har-
8 vested Asian carp; and

9 (D) methods to repopulate the Illinois
10 River ecosystem with native species.

11 (e) DEADLINES.—The Director shall—

12 (1) begin the study under subsection (a) not
13 later than three months after the date of enactment
14 of this Act;

15 (2) complete the study not later than 15
16 months after the date of enactment of this Act; and

17 (3) submit the report under subsection (d) not
18 later than three months after the date of completion
19 of the study.

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