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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself, Mr. KELLY, Mr. WALZ, Mr. LATTA, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. HIGGINS, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. PETERSON, and Mr. PAULSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Strategic Response to
5 Asian Carp Invasion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The rapid spread of several invasive species
4 of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi River and
5 Ohio River basins and tributaries threatens eco-
6 systems and billions of dollars of economic activities
7 connected to outdoor recreation in States throughout
8 the Midwest.

9 (2) While Federal efforts have focused on pre-
10 venting the spread of Asian Carp into the Great
11 Lakes, there is growing recognition of the threat
12 these invasive species pose to other ecosystems in
13 the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins.

14 **SEC. 3. MULTIAGENCY EFFORT TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF**
15 **ASIAN CARP IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND**
16 **OHIO RIVER BASINS AND TRIBUTARIES.**

17 The Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
18 Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engi-
19 neers, the National Park Service, and the United States
20 Geological Survey, shall lead a multiagency effort to slow
21 the spread of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi and
22 Ohio River basins and tributaries by providing high-level
23 technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and sup-
24 port to State and local government strategies to slow, and
25 eventually eliminate, the threat posed by Asian Carp. To
26 the maximum extent practicable, the multiagency effort

1 shall apply lessons learned and best practices such as
2 those developed under the Management and Control Plan
3 for Bighead, Black, Grass, and Silver Carps in the United
4 States, November 2007 and the Asian Carp Control Stra-
5 tegic Framework.

6 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United States
8 Fish and Wildlife Service shall by December 31 of each
9 year submit to the Subcommittee on Interior, Environ-
10 ment, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-
11 priations and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
12 House of Representatives a report on the coordinated
13 strategies established and progress made toward goals to
14 control and eliminate the Asian Carp in the Upper Mis-
15 sissippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—The Director shall include in each
17 report—

18 (1) observed changes in the range of Asian
19 Carp in such waters during the 2-year period pre-
20 ceding submission of the report;

21 (2) a summary of Federal agency efforts, in-
22 cluding cooperative efforts with non-Federal part-
23 ners, to control the spread of Asian Carp in such
24 waters;

- 1 (3) research needed that could improve the abil-
- 2 ity to control such spread;
- 3 (4) quantitative measures that will be used to
- 4 document progress in controlling such spread; and
- 5 (5) cross-cut accounting of Federal and non-
- 6 Federal expenditures to control such spread.

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