

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7 (e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2011.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