



Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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CHICAGO- The Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (ACRCC) will hold a media event in downtown Chicago on Monday May 23, 2011 at 1 P.M. CST. The purpose of the event is to announce the ACRCC's 2011 Sampling and Monitoring Plan and demonstrate actions underway to track and remove Asian carp in the Chicago Area Waterway System. Media is invited to attend the event and join ACRCC members on a boat tour to view monitoring actions in progress.

The ACRCC is led by the White House Council on Environmental Quality and includes seven Federal agencies and all eight Great Lakes states, as well as the City of Chicago, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

WHO: John Goss, Asian Carp Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality
John Rogner, Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Col. Vincent Quarles, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Charlie Wooley, Deputy Regional Director of Midwest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WHAT: Press Conference and boat tour to announce and demonstrate projects within the 2011 Asian Carp Monitoring and Sampling Plan.

WHEN: Monday May 23, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. CST.

WHERE: 2 N. Riverside Plaza, Chicago IL. (Madison Street dock directly west of the Chicago Civic Opera House). A map of the event site and adjacent public parking facilities can be found at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/calendar/PublishingImages/EventLocation.jpg>

WHY: The Asian Carp Monitoring and Sampling Plan outlines critical on-the-ground efforts to remove and track Asian carp and prevent this invasive species from establishing a self-sustaining population within Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes.

The boat tour will begin immediately following the conclusion of the press conference. Those taking the tour should expect to be back at the Madison Street Dock by 4pm CST. Members of the media interested in attending the event and boat tour should contact Chris McCloud by email (chris.mccloud@illinois.gov) or phone (217) 299-7128 to RSVP.