

THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION



The need for such a voice was largely
 Commission in 1955. In the decades since,
 the Commission has demonstrated time
 and again that when the states can identi-
 & pursue them with singular purpose, few
 problems cannot be solved. And when
 our Canadian associate members Ontario
 and Québec join us, the impact becomes
 even more powerful.

Now we face yet another serious
 environmental threat: the Asian carp.
 The situation reached crisis proportions
 in 2009 with this potentially devastating
 invader apparently reaching – and per-
 haps broaching – the last barriers before

Now more than ever, states and provinces
 and Canadian federal partners, mayors,
 tribes and First Nations, non-governmental
 address this threat. As it has from its for-
 stands ready to support the broad collab-

having seen proof in the historic year of
 2009 when a long-held dream of meaning-

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Flush with a resounding vote of commitment – and cash – from Washington in 2009, the U.S. Treasury Department, along with the U.S. Trade Representative, rolled up their sleeves in 2009 to

The project was carried out at shipyards in Sturgeon Bay and on two self-unloading vessels and operated by the American

The 900-horsepower diesel generators, two on each vessel, were White

shut down for maintenance

As a stop-gap measure, the Dept. of Natural Resources developed an application to apply a potent dosage of the chemical rotenone to a six-mile stretch of the waterway to prevent migration of Asian carp upstream during the shutdown.

Member states and Association provinces immediately provided additional resources in the form of money, assure the project's success.

THE AFTERMATH

Concerns over Asian carp nearing Sanitary Canal reached a crescendo in late 2009 as new detection technologies barriers established to contain them. The situation became even more critical when operated barriers was scheduled to be

"Operation Silver Screen" involved weather conditions, with no casualties Asian carp migration through the barriers during the shutdown.

Wrote Illinois DNR Director Marc Miller, / Z

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 ore, coal and stone trades.

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"For the State of Michigan this represents
 a much needed infusion of jobs and eco-
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 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 Ecology and Environment, Inc.
 Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
 Healing Our Waters®
 Industrial Economics, Inc.
 International Joint Commission
 The Joyce Foundation
 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center
 NOAA Restoration Center
 Northeast-Midwest Institute
 Public Sector Consultants, Inc.
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The great majority of Commission programs and projects are pursued in partnership with other agencies and their funding support. A listing of 2009 funders is provided to the right.

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Program activities
Communications

Total



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ILLINOIS

Gov. Patrick Quinn

Joe Deal, *City of Chicago*

Marc Miller, *Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources*

Steven M. Powell,

United Food and Commercial Workers

Gov. Appointee

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