



**Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



Resolution #3: Resolution Concerning Additional Funding for Continued Operation and Evaluation for the Chicago River Sanitary Ship Canal Electric Trans-migration Barrier

Whereas invaders such as the round goby and zebra mussels in the Great Lakes have invaded the Mississippi River basin, and

Whereas other species such as the ruffe may likewise expand their range from the Great Lakes into the Mississippi River basin, and

Whereas, invaders (Asian carps) from Mississippi River basin are poised to invade the Great Lakes basin, and

Whereas, the Cal-Sag and Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canals are the expected routes for these range expansions, and

Whereas, critical components of the electric barrier in the Sanitary and Ship Canal have a three-year life expectancy, and

Whereas, there is no back-up power system in case of mainline power failure, and

Whereas, no funds are currently appropriated for operation and maintenance of the electric barrier in the coming fiscal year,

Therefore be it resolved that the Committee of Advisors, in the absence of adequate primary safeguards from shipping and aquaculture-mediated invasions, find that U.S. federal funding is required on an emergency basis for maintenance, operation and improvement (including a backup generator) of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal electrical barrier, constructed as a demonstration study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under NISA 1996, and

that U.S. federal funding is required on an emergency basis for identifying and evaluating a site for a second barrier array, and

that U.S. federal funding is required to evaluate and implement additional options for enhancing

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barriers to prevent range expansion of invasive species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

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