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Mayor Barrett Calls on US Army Corps of Engineers and EPA to Find Solution to Keep Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes

MILWAUKEE – Mayor Tom Barrett today called on the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a quick solution to prohibit Asian Carp from entering into Lake Michigan.

“Asian Carp present an ecological and economic threat to the Great Lakes,” Mayor Barrett said. “Despite the construction of an electrical barrier in the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal, Asian Carp DNA has been found beyond the barrier, threatening to enter into Lake Michigan.”

Mayor Barrett sent a letter to Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency asking that the two federal agencies immediately review the feasibility of closing the lock and dams in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal until all precautionary measures are taken to ensure that these invasive species do not enter into the Great Lakes.

“Time is running out for the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers,” said Eric Reinelt, Director of the Port of Milwaukee. “I urge them to take immediate action to prevent the entry of these fish into the Great Lakes.”

“While I recognize that locking the canal would place temporary hardships, I believe that if we do not act, the negative impact that Asian Carp will have in the long term economy and environment will far outweigh the hardship that will occur by temporarily locking the canal,” Barrett concluded.