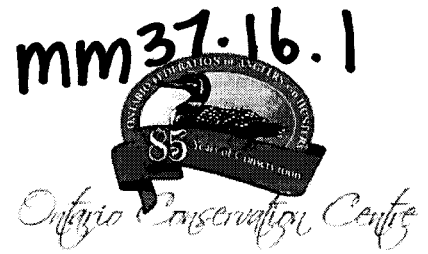


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Mayor Rob Ford and
Members of Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Mayor Ford and Toronto City Councillors:

On behalf of the more than 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), I am writing to support the intent of the motion (reference #MM37.16) "Protecting the Great Lakes from Invasive Species: Asian Carp", moved by Councillor Mike Layton.

We also wish to acknowledge and commend the ongoing important efforts of the City of Toronto, and your Toronto Region Conservation Authority to address the threats posed by harmful invasive species including Asian Carp.

For example, as a charter member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Toronto has been party to the "Restoring the Natural Divide: Separating the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins in the Chicago Area Waterway System" in association with the Great Lakes Commission, which the provinces of Ontario and Quebec are associate members. This important exercise has identified feasible options to restore the physical separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi watersheds at Chicago to prevent the transfer of all aquatic invasive species, including Asian Carp.

Recently, the city of Toronto played host to the "Bi-national Forum on Asian Carp Prevention", sponsored by the Canada/Ontario Invasive Species Centre, which reviewed all of the federal, provincial, state, municipal, and non-government programs and projects being employed to prevent the invasion of Asian Carp to the Great Lakes.

The OFAH would also like to take this opportunity to thank the province of Ontario and the Government of Canada for their significant contributions to Asian Carp prevention. Specifically, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) are providing leadership roles in the prevention, control, and management of aquatic invasive species across Ontario.

The OFAH continues to operate the Ontario Invasive Species Awareness Program in partnership with the province of Ontario, including the Invading Species Hotline 1-800-563-7711 and www.invadingspecies.com.

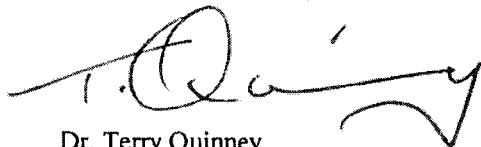
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As residents and beneficiaries of our Great Lakes, we realize that we are all in this together and sincerely appreciate Toronto's commitment to a healthy Lake Ontario, its tributaries, and the Great Lakes Basin.

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Quinney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Terry Quinney
Provincial Manager
Fish & Wildlife Services

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P.S. Through Sunday, July 14 of this week, collectively we celebrate Ontario Family Fishing Week (licence-free fishing for all!). Take the opportunity to participate and perhaps enjoy a meal of fresh, wholesome food from nature's bounty.