

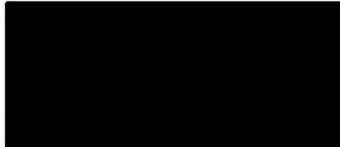


# United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
Reston, Virginia 20192

July 21, 2025

In Reply Refer To:  
Mail Stop 911



Dear [REDACTED]

This acknowledges U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) receipt of your July 10-11, 2025, Information [Data] Quality Act, Request for Correction of Information submitted under the USGS Information Quality Guidelines. The additional U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) products you supplied in subsequent emails were forwarded to the FWS for consideration under the FWS Information Quality Guidelines. The USGS and FWS are separate Bureaus within the Department of the Interior, so the USGS cannot review Requests for Correction of FWS products.

Your initial Request from June 30, 2025, states that the USGS has disseminated incomplete and potentially misleading information by omitting the well-supported scientific connection between nutrient enrichment and invasive Asian Carp recruitment. You subsequently submitted seven USGS-authored products on July 10-11, 2025, where you believe this omission occurs. They are as follows:

1. Invasive Carp Strategic Framework 2023–2027
2. USGS Invasive Carp Integrated Control and Containment (Webpage)
3. USGS Invasive Carp Risk Assessment and Life History (Webpage)
4. USGS Fact Sheet 2016–3063 – Science and Technology Help Managers Battle Invading Asian Carp
5. USGS NAS Species Profile – Bighead Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
6. USGS Invasive Carp Open Data Hub (Tool and Narrative Page)
7. 2025 Invasive Carp Monitoring and Response Plan for the Illinois Waterway

In each of these products, you request that the USGS formally acknowledge the nutrient-recruitment link, with the requested phrasing varying by individual product. You submitted two email responses to the USGS request for specific products in need of correction. One email included one attachment—a list of six products (items 1-6 above) and associated required information. The second email had a link to one product (item 7 in the above list). The attachment and emails were created by you.

We will be following the [USGS Information Quality Guidelines](#) process to evaluate your Request from July 10, 2025, and within 120 calendar days of its receipt, you will be notified of our response.

Sincerely,



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