

# **We must act now!**

## **Or this may be the only way fisherman catch fish in 2025!**



By 2025 the only gear fishermen may need to catch fish in Watts Bar, Melton Hill, Loudon and Tellico Lakes is a landing net.

Sound preposterous? Many folks who live near other waterways in the Mississippi Watershed use to think the same. Now up to 90 percent of the biomass in parts of the Mississippi river consists of Asian carp.

Invasive silver carp threaten not only fishing, but pleasure boating, and our way of life.

There are proven ways to keep these fish from migrating upstream from Chickamauga lake into Watts Barr lake. Many private citizens, organizations,

clubs, politicians and government bureaucracies are banding together to insist an electric barrier is installed at Watts Bar lock.

It can take three or more years for the barriers to be installed. By then if history is a predictor Silver Carp like those shown above will be jumping in boats above Watts Bar dam.

Native species of fish may be decimated .

Join the Watts Bar Ecology and Fishery Council [www.wbefc.org](http://www.wbefc.org) in demanding the Watts Bar Lock be Closed until the electric barriers are installed. Too much is at stake .to leave the locks operational allowing Asian Carp to swim upstream.

