

Friends of the Mississippi River Invasive Carp Petition Information

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Subject: Re: Invasive carp petition for 3/26 LSOHC meeting

Hi Mark,

I'm happy to share more information about the petition. To answer your questions:

How did you obtain the signatures? (eg. physical signatures via booths at shows, door to door, etc, or electronic via web survey, emails solicitation, etc.)

Friends of the Mississippi River collected these signatures both online (through emails, social media posts, etc.) and at several in-person events (such as the invasive carp community meetings we recently co-hosted in Winona, Red Wing, and St. Paul). Some other Stop Carp Coalition members also circulated this petition digitally to their contacts.

What was the timeframe over which the signatures were obtained?

We've been collecting these signatures for roughly a year. New signatures continue to be added regularly.

Do you have physical signatures and/or electronic signatures on file? What portion of the signatures are physical and what portion are electronic?

All of the signatures are electronic (even for those we collected in person, we asked people to sign through the webpage to make it easiest to keep things cataloged, collect full contact information, etc.). A few people managed to sign from out of state but I removed them from the list before submitting it to you, as I also did for any duplicates (people who tried to sign twice using two different email addresses).

Do you have additional contact information on file for the signatories? (eg. Address, email and/or phone)

We have the full mailing and email address for every signatory. I didn't include that information in the version I submitted because in the past, spammers have harvested that contact information from our petitions if the document becomes public (for instance, posted online as part of meeting materials) and used it to spam folks. I'd be happy to share more of that information if we can keep it from being widely distributed online.

If there was a solicitation for signatures, would you also be able to provide us with that solicitation or petition question(s)?

The petition asks folks to sign to the statement on the front page of the packet: "I urge decision-makers to do their part to help prevent invasive carp from reaching further upstream on the Mississippi River. We can keep the river's ecosystem healthy and resilient." The full context we provide for online signatories is available here: <https://fmr.org/updates/primer-carp>

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information for you or the Council. Thank you!

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