ILLINOIS ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION BOARD

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November 26, 2008

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Rule Making R08-09

PC #174

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board, I submit the attached resolution supporting the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's proposal before the Illinois Pollution Control Board to upgrade water quality standards for the lower Des Plaines River and Chicago Area Waterways System in rulemaking R08-09.

Sincerely,

Anne Mankowski
Director

Resolution

Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board
November 14, 2008

Whereas the IESPB is concerned with habitat quality of threatened and endangered fish species in the State and has a mandate to advise the State on protection of threatened and endangered species; and,

Whereas the River Redhorse (*Moxostoma carinatum*, state threatened), Pallid Shiner (*Notropis amnis*, state endangered), and Blacknose Shiner (*Notropis chalybeus*, state endangered) have been reported from lower Des Plaines River; and,
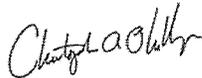
Whereas the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has proposed before the Illinois Pollution Control Board (case number R08-9) to upgrade the water quality standards for the lower Des Plaines River and Chicago area waterways;

Now therefore, The Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board resolves to support the upgrade of water quality standards which would benefit these species of this area.

Passed and approved by the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board this Fourteenth day of November, Two Thousand and Eight.

R. Dan Gooch
Chairman
Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board

Dr. Christopher Phillips
Secretary
Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board