

Testing possible new Asian carp defenses in La Crosse and the Midwest was on the table last night at a public meeting held by the DNR and the U.S. Geological Survey Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center.

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Randy Hines with the USGS says the project would focus on using water guns or underwater speakers to generate pressure and sound waves that would force the fish to swim away. The USGS wants to move bighead and silver carp to the area facility for the project. The agency has obtained a federal permit allowing transportation but still needs DNR approval.