



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Charles Frerker  
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1222 Spruce Street  
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**RE: Budrovich Marine - Barge Anchor Fleet**  
**Project Number(s): 1512949 [P-2923]**  
**County: Madison**

Dear Mr. Frerker:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project proposed by Budrovich Marine involving the installation of an anchor fleet arranged 6 barges long by 8 barges wide. The fleet will be held by appropriate sized anchors and be located at approximate Mississippi River mile 185.8 on the downstream end of Mosenthein Island.

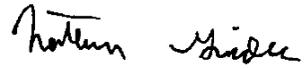
The Department concurs with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Missouri Department of Conservation letters regarding this proposal, both dated May 27, 2015. The proposed fleeting area will be operating in important habitats, such as the island tip and stone dikes with well-developed scour holes. The location is known to be an important habitat area for all three sturgeon species, including the state and federally-endangered pallid sturgeon, as well as paddlefish, blue suckers, blue catfish, and flathead catfish. Larval sturgeon and paddlefish are also captured in trawls in this area.

Additionally, this area is in close proximity to the Chain of Rocks Dam and tailwater zone, well documented as an important pallid and shovelnose sturgeon spawning area. Thus, the proposed project area is very likely within important migratory routes and pre-spawn staging areas for these fishes.

For these reasons, the Department recommends an alternative fleeting area be pursued. Department staff will be available to discuss alternative fleeting sites.

Please note that this review does not preclude permit decisions made by the IDNR Office of Water Resources under the Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

Thank you for the opportunity comment. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

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