Flying carp a problem in Yazoo lakes

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What started as a way to be productive to regional catfish farmers has quickly turned into a multimillion dollar problem for at least 18 states from the Mississippi River all the way to the Great Lakes.

For years, carp have played a vital role in controlling the vegetation in America's lakes and ponds, but now a new breed as suddenly taken over and burning a big hole in local and federal pockets.

Rusty Odum, a conservation officer with Yazoo County, explained Wednesday that Asian carp, more specifically, the silver carp can be seen in local waters including Dump Lake, Lake George and the ever popular Wolf Lake.

"These fish will stop all the skiing and recreation inside the lake if something is not done to curtail or slowdown the process of what they're doing," Odum said at the Yazoo City Rotary Club weekly meeting.

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