

Dear Mr. McGuiness:

Thank you for participating in the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held in Marquette, Iowa, on August 12, 2002. We enjoyed the opportunity once again to experience the upper Mississippi River and meet with the people of the Midwest.

We appreciate Audubon's desire to be a collaborator in the restructured Navigation Study. Constructive partnerships are essential to achieve a balanced river management strategy that addresses both ecosystem and navigation needs. Your organization provides a valuable service to agencies and citizens by raising public awareness of the importance of the river for birds, fish, wildlife, and people.

The Commission values your views and comments. We look forward to your continued participation as we work to address the many economic, environmental, and recreational issues of the upper Mississippi River.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.
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Commission