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# Great Lakes Restoration in Action in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge!

**Who:** Senator Carl Levin, Congressman John Dingell, Member of Parliament Jeffrey Watson, Congressman John Conyers (invited); Representatives from the Department of the Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Environment Canada, Essex Region Conservation Authority, Michigan Sea Grant, and other Huron-Erie Corridor Initiative partners, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge partners, and students from Trenton, Southgate Anderson, and Gibraltar Carlson High Schools and Riverview Memorial Elementary, and the public.

**What:** Sixteen lake sturgeon that were raised from eggs collected at the Fighting Island constructed spawning reef in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge will be tagged for science and released by the high school students into the Detroit River to celebrate this successful restoration effort. We will also be highlighting the connection to newly funded Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects in the HEC and the importance of science for restoration. Members of the media and public will have an opportunity to view the juvenile sturgeon up close before their release.

**Topic:** The spawning reef, constructed at Fighting Island in October, 2008, was celebrated as the first Canada-U.S. funded fish habitat restoration project in the Great Lakes. This event will highlight the science and partnership behind the Fighting Island fish habitat restoration, and how the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects will build on this success to meet Great Lakes restoration goals.

**Where:** Ellias Cove in Meijer-Ellias Park at W. Jefferson and Helen Street in Trenton, Michigan

**When:** Friday, October 22, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

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*The purpose of the Huron-Erie Corridor(HEC) Initiative is to create relevant new science that will assist resource managers in making decisions concerning restoration of native aquatic species and their habitats in the HEC. It is an international, collaborative partnership including federal, tribal, state, provincial, local, and non-governmental participants. ([www.huron-erie.org](http://www.huron-erie.org))*