

Asian Carp

The Bloc Québécois has already demonstrated its leadership in the protection of the environment. It is the same to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River against the arrival of Asian carps. The Bloc Québécois will support any initiative to increase spending for monitoring the progress of Asian carp towards the Great Lakes and the strengthening of facilities in place to prevent the passage of Asian carp into Lake Michigan and actively collaborate with other governments and your organization to implement a sustainable solution.

Oil Transportation by Rail

The Bloc Québécois is very concerned by rail safety and had pushed the Canadian government to quickly strengthen applicable safety measures.

The Bloc Québécois demands that the following measures be taken immediately:

- Ban within six months the use of old DOT-111 rail cars, similar to those used in Lac-Mégantic, for toxic or hazardous materials transportation;
- Ban within six months the use of second generation DOT-111¹ rail cars for the transportation of the most explosive petroleum products and banning them for all toxic or hazardous materials transportation before the end of 2018;
- End autoregulation of rail transportation companies, which causes industry to decide which rules apply to itself;
- Quadrupling inspection frequency and considerably increase fines to ensure regulation compliance;
- Impose a special tax on hazardous materials transportation companies to fund the hiring of additional Transport Canada inspectors;
- Require transportation companies to obtain a provincial permit from the government of Quebec before carrying oil by rail, in order to coordinate with municipalities and put the necessary public safety measures in place.

This list is not exhaustive and the Bloc Québécois is entirely available to work with your organization to improve the safety of cities located close to rail lines.

Nutrients

The Bloc Québécois demands reinvestment by the federal government but also that the amounts reinvested be transferred directly to the Quebec government to allow the Quebec Ministry of the

¹ DOT-111 rail cars with reinforced ends, but with similarly thin walls as the older DOT-111 cars.

Environment the resources to implement its own action plan against cyanobacteria, therefore fulfilling its mission to protect water bodies.

As for the phosphorus issue, on June 12, 2007, the Bloc Québécois pushed the Environment Committee to adopt a motion asking "that the government amend the Concentration of Phosphorus in Certain Cleaning Products Regulations to phase out phosphorus in detergents for dishwashers and detergents for laundry and that the report of the adoption of this motion be sent to the House at the first opportunity."

The Bloc Québécois then filed a bill to this effect in 2008: C-469 to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1999) (use of phosphorus). The bill then was to completely eliminate the use of detergents containing phosphorous precisely to reduce their presence in our waterways. The Bloc Québécois therefore support any measure to reduce phosphorus loads in our waterways, as have pledged the states of Michigan, Ohio and Ontario