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Key Obstruction for Lake Michigan Game Fish to be Removed, Opening Up 37 Miles of River and Streams

Alderman Michael J. Murphy will take part in an announcement Tuesday (June 15) about a project that will allow game fish from Lake Michigan to travel an additional 17 miles north on the Menomonee River to Menomonee Falls and to an additional 20 miles of tributaries that feed into the Menomonee River.

A \$1.1 million grant from the President's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and additional funding and resources from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) will allow for the removal of a steep concrete channel in the Menomonee River that currently prevents game fish from Lake Michigan from swimming north of Wisconsin Avenue. "Bringing the river to its natural state will give these fish more range and more room to spawn and reproduce, which I hope can only mean good news for the future of game fish in the Menomonee and in Lake Michigan," said Alderman Murphy.

MMSD Executive Director Kevin Shafer and state **Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank** are also set to speak at Tuesday's news conference.

WHAT: Menomonee River announcement
WHEN: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 15
WHERE: Canoe landing (see attached directions)

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