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THE PANEL: A bipartisan group of Illinois representatives including U.S. Reps. Mark Kirk, Judy Biggert, Dan Lipinski and Peter Roskam, met Monday with experts concerned about the health of the Great Lakes.

THE ISSUE: Panelists testified that the world's largest surface freshwater system is facing threats including invasive species and sewage dumping, and needs more federal support to salvage its livelihood.

WHAT'S NEXT?: Among legislation Congress could take up soon is a \$7.6 million request from President Bush for work on a barrier that's keeping Asian carp out of Lake Michigan.