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Considering that Asian carp are presently something like 97% of the fish biomass of the Illinois River, I think it's time for an all-out commercial fishery for them. They have one already, of course, but it's mostly for pet food and export.

I'm willing to do my part to eat them into extinction in the Western hemisphere. It worked that way for the passenger pigeon, which was at one time the most common bird in the world. Or so I've read. Canned passenger pigeon was the Starkist tuna of the 19th century.

Ironically, the main roosting habitat of the passenger pigeon was the bottomlands of the Ohio River basin and its tributaries.