

Problem: What to do with 7 million fish

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About 125 years ago a few carp were introduced into Utah Lake and began multiplying -- now Utah officials don't know how to get rid of 7.5 million carp.

In an effort to save the lake and the June sucker, one of the rarest fish in the world and native only to the lake, crews next year will remove 1 million carp annually from Utah Lake, the Provo (Utah) Daily Herald reported Thursday.

Experts are hoping for suggestions, preferably with market potential, as to what to do with all that carp.

"We're not going to fund someone who says 'We'll haul them to the landfill,' " Reed Harris of the Utah Department of Natural Resources told the newspaper. "We're looking for a market for the carp, everything from fertilizer to using them for pet food as well as human consumption, livestock food ... stuff like that."

Those with ideas of how to market 1 million carp annually should submit 10 copies of their statement of qualifications along with 10 copies of the proposal and 10 sealed copies of the budget to the Utah Department of Natural Resources before April 10.

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