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Monsanto named winner of first 'fat carp award'

GRIFFITH, Ind. (UPI) – The Monsanto Corp. is recipient of the first ever "fat carp award" from the Indiana division of the Izaak Walton League.

Executive Director Thomas Dustin said Monday the conservation organization voted the award at its state meeting during the weekend, citing the company for its continued production of distribution PCBs despite findings the chemical was a cause of cancer.

The league's citation concluded Monsanto's continued manufacture of PCBs was a "most flagrant example of irresponsible chemical contamination of the past decade."

The citation also indicated that the company was mounting a million-dollar propaganda campaign to counter what it believes are scare tactics, political charges and sensational headlines to discredit PCBs.

Other resolutions adopted by the league included:

– Backing of a State Board of Health policy regulating residential on site waste water disposal.

– Opposing the Army Corps of Engineers construction of the Big Blue River Reservoir in Rush, Hancock and Shelby counties.

– Opposing any off-road vehicle use in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Park.

The league also elected officers for the new year, including Fred Widlak of Indianapolis as president. Widlak succeeds Dennis Winters of Fort Wayne.

Re-elected officers were secretary Charles Wiseman of Michigan City, treasurer Gale Atwood of Gary and Connie Byers of Kokomo as women's vice president.