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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — State Environmental Conservation Commissioner Ogden R. Reid says the state should compensate fishermen for the income they lose because of his ban on fishing in the polluted Hudson River.

Reid banned commercial fishing on the river because the fish were found to contain high levels of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), an industrial chemical dumped into the Hudson by General Electric Co. plants in Washington County.

At a news conference Thursday, Reid said the ban would have a multimillion dollar effect on the state's economy.

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