

**Addressing Asian Carp Through Public Awareness**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Asian carp are increasing dangers associated with aquatic recreation;
- 2 **AND WHEREAS**, the implementation of a public awareness program for Missouri anglers in
- 3 areas of high carp populations;
- 4 **AND WHEREAS**, Asian carp population reductions would ultimately benefit the native aquatic
- 5 ecosystems of Missouri;
- 6 **AND WHEREAS**, Public safety and aquatic ecosystems are negatively impacted by Asian carp;
- 7 **AND WHEREAS**, the species is known to cause recreational accidents;
- 8 **AND WHEREAS**, they compete for resources such that large populations of Asian carp
- 9 are detrimental to native aquatic species;
- 10 **AND WHEREAS**, public education in the form of official publications (brochures, magazines,
- 11 videos, etc.) would communicate the negative ecological impacts as well as the nutritional value;
- 12 **AND WHEREAS**, the education would include nutritional information as well as methods for
- 13 preparation;
- 14 **AND WHEREAS**, encouragement of multiple methods of harvesting (bow-fishing, pheromone
- 15 traps, gill nets, etc.) within publications would ultimately promote population control within
- 16 overpopulated areas;
- 17 **AND WHEREAS**, tax deductible opportunities for anglers similar to those offered for Share the
- 18 Harvest will encourage anglers to remove Asian carp;
- 19 **AND WHEREAS**, providing Asian carp to processors would be a source of additional income

20 during their slack periods;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of

22 Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February,

23 2012; encourage the Missouri Department of Conservation to increase public awareness of the

24 impacts and potential values of Asian carp.