

Share the Carp

1 **WHEREAS** the invasion of Asian carp is an ecological and economic detriment to Missouri's
2 waterways;

3 **AND WHEREAS** Asian carp account for an increasing portion of the aquatic biomass in Missouri's
4 large river systems;

5 **AND WHEREAS** Asian carp meat is a viable, healthy and inexpensive food source;

6 **AND WHEREAS** Missouri's Share the Harvest program provides sustenance to many needy families in
7 Missouri;

8 **AND WHEREAS** the processing of Asian carp would encourage anglers to remove the fish from
9 waterways;

10 **AND WHEREAS** additional meat processing would generate more income for Missouri meat
11 processors;

12 **AND WHEREAS** the State of Missouri, private corporations, not-for-profit organizations and private
13 citizens fund the Share the Harvest program;

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
15 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 recommends investigation
16 of markets for Asian carp, possibly including the Share the Harvest program, and increase state funding
17 and Missouri private corporation and not-for-profit organization participation in Asian carp research.