

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2015 Resolutions**

**Committee:** Rivers and Streams

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**Asian Carp Education**

**WHEREAS**, Asian carp species degrade big river ecosystems by out-competing native fishes and destroying habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian carp species are dangerous to boating, fishing and other recreational activities due to jumping and their large size; and

**WHEREAS**, information regarding the adverse effects of Asian carp is not readily available to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian carp has been shown to taste as good or better than some commonly consumed native fish species; and

**WHEREAS**, institutions such as the University of Missouri will begin serving Asian carp in dishes at campus dining halls and food services; and

**WHEREAS**, other states have or are currently offering subsidies to offset low demand and pricing for commercially-fished Asian carp; and

**WHEREAS**, most Missourians retain the misconception that Asian carp are inedible; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 22nd day of March, 2015 recommend the Missouri Department of Conservation increase its efforts to educate Missourians through publication of a brochure detailing adverse impacts of Asian carp and its preparation for consumption and that the Missouri Department of Economic Development be encouraged to explore options for market development of Asian carp in Missouri.