



1           WHEREAS, twenty-eight Mississippi River Basin state fishery agencies, the United  
2 States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Geological  
3 Survey, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Chippewa-Cree Tribe, and the Chickasaw  
4 Nation ratified the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement in 1990 and  
5 formed the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (MICRA) in 1991 to  
6 improve the management of interjurisdictional fishery resources in the basin; and

7           WHEREAS, recognizing the economic, ecologic, and cultural value of the diverse  
8 interjurisdictional fishery resources in the Mississippi River Basin and the complexity and  
9 severity of issues facing resource management agencies, Congress has acknowledged the  
10 need for the establishment of a Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission for basin-wide,  
11 interagency collaboration in the establishment of shared management objectives, and the  
12 collaborative planning, implementation, and evaluation of management actions to provide  
13 for the long-term biologic and economic sustainability of interjurisdictional fishery resources  
14 in the basin; and

15           WHEREAS, with long-term sustainability of interjurisdictional fishery resources  
16 depending on the control of aquatic invasive species within the Mississippi River Basin, the  
17 commission is vital to provide for coordinated, inter-agency, basin-wide management,  
18 control, and removal of invasive carps and other prioritized aquatic invasive species within  
19 the basin; and

20           WHEREAS, by consent of Congress, and as directed by federal law under the  
21 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., and  
22 the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986, 16 U.S.C. 4101 et seq., sustainable fisheries  
23 within the United States coastal waters of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the Caribbean  
24 Sea, and the Gulf of America, have been managed by multi-state commissions and fishery  
25 councils for many decades; and

26           WHEREAS, the interjurisdictional and international fishery resources of the Great  
27 Lakes are cooperatively managed by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, operating  
28 through the 1954 Convention on Great Lake Fisheries; and

29           WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission will improve the  
30 management and utilization of sustainable interjurisdictional fishery resources in the

