

Select MICRA Accomplishments

- Established a structure for basin wide coordination of fishery management agencies and existing regional multi-state partnerships
 - Arkansas / Red river management group
 - Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee
 - Missouri River Natural Resources Committee
 - Ohio River Fisheries Management Team
 - Tennessee / Cumberland river management group
 - Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee
- Established standing committees and sponsors meeting of state and federal agency biological staff to improve coordination and interjurisdictional management of gamefish, native freshwater mussels, paddlefish and sturgeon, aquatic invasive species (AIS), and aquatic habitat
- Sponsor meetings of MICRA delegates (state fish chiefs) as needed to address high priority interjurisdictional management issues
- Sponsored MICRA Delegate visits with Congressional staff and Federal agencies since 2011. Increased awareness on Mississippi River Basin issues has contributed to:
 - Substantial increases in funding for Asian carp control efforts outside the Great Lakes
 - Increase of \$1,000,000 for state ANS management plan grant program
 - Planning for evaluation of sound deterrents in the Cumberland River
- Sponsored and participated in multiple Congressional briefings on Asian Carp in Washington, DC
- MICRA represents Mississippi River Basin interests on the Chicago Area Waterway Advisory Panel
- Developed and manages a MICRA web page www.MICRArivers.org
- Published *River Crossings* Newsletter from 1992-2015
- Developed a comprehensive strategic plan for interjurisdictional fishery management in the Basin
- Developed an aquatic habitat management plan for the Mississippi River Basin
- Coordinated a national Paddlefish stock assessment project from 1995 – 2004
 - Resulted in the development of interstate management plans for the Upper Mississippi, Lower Mississippi, Ohio, and Missouri river sub-basins
- Paddlefish Sturgeon Committee had developed standardized paddlefish tagging protocols, stocking protocols, and a genetics plan for the basin
- The MICRA Native Mussel Committee's work led to the establishment of the Freshwater Mussel Conservation Society (FMCS). MICRA continues to provide financial support to the FMCS.
- The MICRA Gamefish Committee assisted with: planning the Catfish 2000 Symposium; assisted with producing a dam removal video and published a report on sauger management.
- MICRA AIS Committee leverages federal funding to complete collaboratively identified high priority projects, facilitate interstate coordination, and provide outreach tools
- MICRA is an ex-officio member of the national ANS Task Force established by Congress and hosts the ANS Task Force's Mississippi River Basin Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species.
- MICRA has been awarded and managed several grant funded projects to support management of interjurisdictional species and control of ANS in the basin
- Developed recommendations to establish a national regulatory strategy for grass carp in the US.