

**Member Highlights of Activities for the
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
November 4-5, 2015**

Member Agency: Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (MICRA)

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Key ANS Activities from May 2015 through October 2015:

Major Accomplishments (bullets):

- Submitted comments to USACE in support of several recommendations in the Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment Final Report to Congress, including Habitat Restoration and Management Program Recommendation 4 that addresses invasive species management and control needs in the Lower Mississippi River.
- Led coordination efforts in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio Rivers to identify priority Asian carp project needs and submit funding requests to USFWS for 2015 Asian carp project funding.
- Executed a grant agreement with USFWS to fund Asian carp projects in Indiana and West Virginia.
- Facilitated discussions between the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and Federal partners regarding AIS transfer concerns between the Tennessee and Mobile river basins via the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.
- Participated in a Congressional Briefing in June regarding the 2015 Asian Carp Framework for the Great Lakes and the collaborative interagency efforts begun in 2015 to address priority Asian carp prevention and control needs in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio rivers.
- Hosted a meeting of Mississippi River basin states that permit the stocking of diploid grass carp to discuss recommendations in the MICRA Grass Carp Report, specifically the recommendation “All states prohibit the production, sale, live shipment, stocking, import, and export of diploid Grass Carp except for permitted diploid brood stock at appropriately licensed production facilities.”
- Participated in the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee meeting in October 2015 to facilitate communication between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Asian carp management and control programs.

- Provided coordination support to the Mississippi River Basin Panel on ANS

Ongoing Work (bullets):

- Finalizing the 2015 Monitoring and Response Plan for the Ohio and Upper Mississippi River Basins.
- Assisting the Tennessee River, Lower Mississippi River, and Missouri River basin groups to develop Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks to identify collaborative priorities and develop work plans for each basin.
- Participating as a member of the Chicago Area Waterways System Advisory Panel.
- Working on implementation of recommendations in the MICRA Grass Carp Report.
- Hosting Mississippi River Basin Panel on ANS