

Resolution to Support Banning the Use of Asian Carp in Wisconsin Waters and to Follow the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Risk Assessment Protocols

WHEREAS, Asian carps including the black carp *Mylopharyngodon piceus*, bighead carp *Mylopharyngodon nobilis*, and silver carp *Mylopharyngodon molitrix* and grass carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella*, are known to cause detrimental effects on our native waters; and

WHEREAS, nonindigenous aquatic species held in ponds, aquaria or food markets are unintentionally or intentionally released into stream and lakes; and

WHEREAS, per state statute 29.421 it is illegal to introduce injurious fish into the waters of the state; and

WHEREAS, the introduction and proliferation of Asian carps have been determined to have a high risk of severely altering North American native aquatic ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society urges use of a six-step process to investigate, assess, and publicly review any proposed introduction and release of non-native species; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society statement on biodiversity opposes the purposeful and non-purposeful introduction of exotic flora and fauna into Wisconsin waters without exhaustive analysis and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Chapter to the American Fisheries Society supports efforts to prevent accidental human-mediated introductions and to eliminate or control the spread of detrimental exotic species that have become established; and

WHEREAS, our rivers and streams support one of the largest and most diverse freshwater molluscan fauna in the world including many threatened with extinction; and

WHEREAS, to prevent extinction of these species, it is imperative that propagation and further importation of Asian carps be prohibited to prevent the intentional or unintentional release of Asian carps into North American waters; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society urges the State of Wisconsin to prohibit the importation, possession, and sale of all live Asian carps and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, asks all state, provincial, and federal governments and the natural resources agencies under their charge to take immediate steps to eliminate all confined populations of Asian carps in North America and prohibit any additional importation and sale; and to follow the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Risk Assessment protocol and AFS guidelines in developing scientifically-based procedures, protocols, and regulations to carefully evaluate the potential for negative effects of importation of other such exotics.