



# **Goals, Objectives, and Priorities**

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# **MICRA**

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MICRA works to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance interjurisdictional fishery resources and aquatic habitats in the Mississippi River Basin through cooperative assessment and management of the basin's aquatic resources. MICRA's member agencies developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan in 1991 and completed an Activity Prioritization of the Plan's 10 goals and 133 tasks in 1992.

The MICRA Executive Board established an Operational Plan for the 5-year period 2014-2018 to focus on a much smaller subset of priorities for the partnership to accomplish during the operational period through the work of member agency delegates, the Executive Board, and committees. This Operational Plan, which is updated every five years, is intended to be a guiding document that is timely and responsive to the current biological, social, and political issues that influence fishery resource management. As such, the Operational Plan is an adaptive document that will be updated as needed to remain relevant and provide for the most effective cooperative management of the fishery and aquatic resources in the basin.

# Goals and Objectives

## GOALS

- I. Coordinate basin-wide management of interjurisdictional fishery resources and aquatic habitats among the responsible management entities. *[INTERNAL COMMUNICATION]*
- II. Increase awareness, support, and funding for basin-wide management of interjurisdictional fishery resources and aquatic habitats. *[EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION]*

## OBJECTIVES

1. Coordinate implementation of interjurisdictional fishery and aquatic resource management programs throughout the basin. *[IJ FISH]*
2. Identify priority habitat restoration needs for the Mississippi River Basin, coordinate with national and regional aquatic habitat initiatives, and provide a forum for information and technical exchange. *[AQUATIC HABITAT]*
3. Coordinate prevention and control measures for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to ensure sustainable native aquatic ecosystems within the basin. *[AIS]*
4. Develop and implement a communication plan for disseminating information to target audiences. *[COMMUNICATION]*
5. Secure funding for long-term operational needs and implementation of basin-wide programs. *[FUNDING]*

# Priorities

OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate implementation of interjurisdictional fishery and aquatic resource management programs.

## PRIORITIES:

1. Identify and prioritize basin-wide resource management issues of concern in the Mississippi River Basin.
  - a) MICRA delegates meet every 3-5 years to review priorities and discuss emerging issues of concern within the basin.
    - An in-person MICRA Delegate meeting was planned for January 2020 but had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
    - A virtual MICRA Delegate meeting was held in October 2020. The focus of the meeting was the draft Joint Strategic Plan, Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission Proposal, and Congressional outreach.
    - A MICRA Delegate meeting (in person/remote) was held in August 2023 in conjunction with the American Fisheries Society annual meeting.
  - b) Standing committees review priorities and discuss emerging issues of concern within the basin every 3-5 years. Committees will report to the Executive Board at least once annually on progress of priorities identified in this document.
    - The Executive Board reviewed MICRA's 2018-2023 priorities with the committee chairs in August 2022. The Committee chairs were charged with addressing the current priorities and reporting back on progress and new priorities.
    - Standing committee updates were included during Executive Board meetings in February and August 2023.
  - c) Executive Board updates MICRA's priorities document every 5 years.
    - A 2024-2028 Priorities document was developed with input from the MICRA Delegates and standing committees and will be posted on the MICRA website in January 2024.
2. Use standing technical committees and temporary working groups as

needed to provide for the development of coordinated strategies to address priority issues and identify basin-wide research needs to support conservation, management, and utilization of native interjurisdictional fishes and aquatic resources.

- The Executive Committee considered the status of all standing committees, and their alignment with the Joint Strategic Plan and Priorities Document. The Gamefish and Native Mussel committees were sunset in May 2021. The Habitat committee was sunset in August 2021.
- The Invasive Carp Advisory Committee was revised in 2021 and is now a standing committee that reports to the Executive Committee.
- A MICRA Aquatic Invasive Committee was reformed and held its first meeting in September 2022.

a) Support continued efforts for coordinated basin-wide management of paddlefish and sturgeon species.

- The Paddlefish Sturgeon Committee met annually 2018 through 2023. The committee was able to meet in person each year except 2021.
- Supported a Paddlefish Commercial Harvest States Workgroup. The workgroup provided a report to the Executive Board in 2023 that includes a suite of recommendations for advancing cooperative interagency management of Paddlefish in the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

b) The Paddlefish Sturgeon Committee will develop a basin-wide management plan for paddlefish.

- *On-going*: MICRA funded a contractor to facilitate the development of a basin-wide Paddlefish management framework. A workgroup was formed and began working on this project in late 2022. The Framework is expected to be completed in 2 years.

c) The Paddlefish Sturgeon Committee will continue to coordinate and manage (e.g., regional tag coordinators) a basin-wide coded-wire tag database for paddlefish.

- The committee continues to maintain the database. The basin-wide framework will inform the future management of

this database.

- d) The Paddlefish Sturgeon Committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Board for standardized methods for documenting and reporting harvest data for paddlefish.
  - *On-going*: The committee will address this charge once the basin-wide framework document is complete.
- e) The Paddlefish Sturgeon Committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Board for basin-wide commercial harvest databases for paddlefish and sturgeon, including roe harvest and roe buyers.
  - *On-going*: The committee will address this charge once the basin-wide framework document is complete.
- f) Conserve native freshwater mussels through continued support of the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society (FMCS).
  - MICRA provided \$1,000 to sponsor the FMCS's 2019 Symposium. MICRA was not requested for financial assistance in 2020-2023.
  - The MICRA Executive Board met with the President of the FMCS in August 2022. The FMCS and MICRA will continue to support each other's native mussel conservation needs.
  - The Executive Board and FMCS President agreed that formal recognition that explicitly identifies the partnership between the two organizations in their governance documents would be beneficial. For example, language to clarify that the FMCS will function in the place of a Native Mussel Committee for MICRA and provide recommendations to the Executive Board as needed. Similarly, the FMCS should refer to MICRA in their guidance documents and providing an annual update to the Executive Board.
- g) Native Mussel Committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Board for standardized methods for documenting conservation strategies employed in mussel conservation.
  - This priority was discussed with the FMCS President in August 2022. The board was informed that this priority is being addressed in other ways. It was recommended that

MICRA defer to the FMCS to identify native mussel conservation priorities and then support the society as needed.

- h) Native Mussel Committee will develop and maintain a Basin wide list of propagation facilities and species that are being produced at each location.
  - This priority was discussed with the FMCS President in August 2022. The FMCS has a committee that has been working to develop and maintain a list of mussel propagation facilities in the U.S., including information on the species and production numbers. The list is available on request of the Conservation and Restoration Technical Committee chair.
3. Build consensus for compatible regulations and policies for priority interjurisdictional fishery and aquatic resources issues.
  - a) Executive Board will work with the MICRA delegates to develop a Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Mississippi River Basin fisheries.
    - The Joint Strategic Plan was finalized in February 2021.
    - Agency directors from 26 of 28 MICRA member states have signed on to the Joint Strategic Plan through a Memorandum of Agreement. (Only Montana and Wyoming have not signed.)
4. Determine the socio-economic value of fishery resources and related recreation in the Mississippi River Basin.
  - a) Work with USFWS to provide a written economic value report for the Mississippi River Basin, including an analysis by MICRA sub-basin boundaries, using 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation data.
    - The Executive Board met with USFWS in February 2022 to discuss the possibility of developing a new report. USFWS informed MICRA that it would not be possible to use the 2016 data and that there would be limitations with the 2021 data due to limited participation by the states.
    - *On-going:* The USFWS agreed to work with MICRA to complete a new report once the information from the most recent survey is received in 2023. An update is scheduled

for January 2024.

- b) Work with USFWS to develop a report that includes an estimated return on dollars invested to manage fishery resources in the Mississippi River Basin based on 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation data. (Report similar to the USFWS 2011 publication 'Net Worth: The Economic Value of Fisheries Conservation' that focuses on contributions to the U.S. economy in terms of jobs created and conservation stimulated commerce.)
  - This was not addressed due to limited participation by the states in the surveys in 2016 and 2021.
- c) Work with USFWS to develop methods of extracting use and socio-economic value information for fishery resources and related recreation for the MICRA sub-basin units (reported for the basin as a whole) from the USFWS 5-year national survey of fishing, hunting, and recreational use. (Similar to how information for the Great Lakes is broken out and reported now.)
  - This was not addressed due to limited participation by the states in the surveys in 2016 and 2021.

OBJECTIVE 2: Identify priority habitat restoration needs for the Mississippi River Basin, coordinate with national and regional aquatic habitat initiatives, and provide a forum for information and technical exchange.

PRIORITIES:

1. The Executive Board will finalize the draft MICRA Aquatic Habitat Action Plan prepared by the Aquatic Habitat Committee.
  - On-going: The Action Plan is expected to be finalized in early 2024.
  - A new list of 6<sup>th</sup> order and larger interjurisdictional rivers in the basin was developed during the development of the Aquatic Habitat Action Plan.
2. Support Aquatic Habitat Committee efforts to establish regular information exchange, communication, and coordination between entities responsible for aquatic habitat management in the basin.
  - The Aquatic Habitat Committee was sunset in August 2021 following the development of the draft Aquatic Habitat Action Plan.

- MICRA hosted a large rivers habitat symposium at the American Fisheries Society annual meeting in August 2023.
3. The Aquatic Habitat Committee will identify and make recommendations to the Executive Board for engaging with the National Fish Habitat Partnerships and coordinating priorities in the MICRA Aquatic Habitat Action Plan.
    - The Aquatic Habitat Committee was sunset in August 2021 following development of the Aquatic Habitat Action Plan.
    - No action is planned for this priority.
  4. Create awareness of the needs and opportunities to increase and direct funding to implement priority habitat projects identified in the MICRA Aquatic Habitat Action Plan.
    - The *Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Mississippi River Basin Fisheries* completed in February 2021 identifies and discusses 'Habitat Loss and Degradation' as one of four key problem areas that must be addressed to comprehensively manage self-sustaining interjurisdictional fishery resources in the basin.
    - The need for and value of aquatic habitat and ecosystem rehabilitation were conveyed during a congressional staff field visit in La Crosse, Wisconsin, hosted by MICRA in conjunction with the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association in August 2023.
    - The need for and value of aquatic habitat and ecosystem rehabilitation were conveyed during a MICRA-sponsored Congressional briefing with Senate staff in November 2023.
    - *On-going*: The MICRA Aquatic Habitat Action Plan will be posted on the MICRA website after it is finalized in early 2024.

OBJECTIVE 3: Coordinate prevention and control measures for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to ensure sustainable aquatic ecosystems within the basin.

PRIORITIES:

1. Host the Mississippi River Basin Panel (MRBP) on Aquatic Nuisance Species for coordination of basin-wide efforts to prevent introductions of AIS and manage introduced AIS populations.
  - MICRA continued to host the MRBP from 2019-2023.

2. Prevent, manage, and control AIS in the Mississippi River Basin by supporting the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee.
  - The MICRA AIS Committee was reformed to address MICRA priorities that the MRBP is not able to address as a FACA-regulated advisory panel to the ANS Task Force.
  - The AIS Committee held its first meeting in September 2022.
3. Promote strengthening of Injurious Wildlife provisions of the Lacey Act.
  - Discussed with AFWA on multiple occasions, no specific opportunities were identified. The Executive Board will continue to seek opportunities to advance this priority.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species committee will identify needs and provide recommendations to the Executive Board for promoting streamlining of the Lacey Act Injurious Wildlife Listing process and for establishing a federal screening process to evaluate risk of non-native species prior to importation.
  - This priority was discussed during AIS Committee meetings in September 2022 and July 2023.
  - *On-going:* The AIS committee recommended new Lacey Act related priorities for the 2024-2028 priorities document to continue this work.
5. Promote development of consistent basin-wide regulatory approaches for the management of AIS.
  - a) Executive Board will facilitate meetings and discussions with the diploid grass carp states, as needed, to establish regulatory consistency for grass carp as recommended in the February 2015 MICRA Grass Carp Report.
    - Arkansas, Colorado, and Missouri changed their rules and regulations during the operational period to require triploid grass carp to be stocked.
    - The Executive Board has not organized a meeting of the diploid grass carp states since 2017.
  - b) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will coordinate efforts to implement recommendations in the February 2015 MICRA Grass Carp Report.
    - *On-going:* The newly formed MICRA AIS Committee and the

MRBP Prevention and Control Committee have this on their work plans for 2024 and will coordinate on implementation.

- *On-going*: A review of the recommendations in the February 2015 MICRA Grass Carp Report is scheduled for meetings with the ANS Task Force and leadership of the six regional advisory panels in January 2024.
6. MICRA Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will review and make recommendations for revising the MICRA AIS Action Plan so that it remains a relevant outreach tool.
- This priority was discussed during AIS Committee meetings in September 2022 and July 2023.
  - *On-going*: The AIS Committee will address this priority during the next 5-year operational period.
7. Support efforts to prevent the exchange of AIS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.
- MICRA submitted a comment letter in February 2019 to “support USACE’s efforts to prevent the transfer of ANS from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes River Basin when designed and implemented as a part of a comprehensive alternative of control actions and technologies to achieve the overall GLMRIS goal of preventing the transfer of ANS in both directions between the two basins”.
  - MICRA participated as a member of the Chicago Area Waterway System Aquatic Invasive Species Stakeholder Group until it was dissolved in 2022. This diverse stakeholder group worked to reach consensus on a set of recommendations to elected and appointed local, state, and federal officials and to the public on short and long-term measures to prevent Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species (AIS) from moving between the Mississippi River and Great Lakes basins through the Chicago Area Waterway System.
  - DC Fly-in (2019-2023) member delegates conveyed the need to direct and fund USACE, through appropriations and WRDA, to complete a feasibility study to prevent two-way transfer of ANS, initiated with the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). Specifically, to initiate the scoping phase for a Feasibility Study to prevent downstream transfer of ANS.
  - DC Fly-in February 2020 included a meeting with USACE

leadership to discuss (among other topics) the Mississippi River Basin states' concern with the continued lack of action to prevent the downstream transfer of ANS from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River Basin as directed by Congress through the GLMRIS authorization.

8. Coordinate efforts to prevent introductions, stop the continued spread, and control established populations of Asian carp in the basin.
  - MICRA and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers held an Invasive Carp Summit in January 2020 to discuss regional coordination of regulatory, management, and research programs regarding invasive carp.
    - a) Promote the need to expand the scope of federal agencies' Asian carp activities to include the entire Mississippi River Basin and the need for federal funding to facilitate implementation of the Mississippi River Basin Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks in support of the national 'Management and Control Plan for Bighead, Black, Grass, and Silver Carps in the United States'.
      - This topic was included as a discussion topic with Federal agencies and Congressional offices during MICRA's 2019 Fly-in.
      - In coordination with Mississippi Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, MICRA hosted a Congressional staff briefing in May 2019 to discuss invasive carp management and control in the Mississippi River Basin.
      - All six sub-basins were specified in the 2020 WRDA bill and all six sub-basins have been specified in appropriations bills since FY2020.
      - USFWS funding for implementation of the national invasive carp management and control plan in the Mississippi River Basin increased from \$7,000,000 for work in the Upper Mississippi River (UMR) and Ohio River (OHR) sub-basins in FY2018 to \$31,000,000 for work in all six sub-basins in FY2023. In FY2018, the USFWS provided a total of \$2,200,000 in financial assistance to MICRA member states in the UMR and OHR sub-basins to support framework implementation. In FY 2023, the USFWS provided more than \$18,600,000 in financial assistance to MICRA member

states in all 6 sub-basins to support framework implementation.

- b) Coordinate basin-wide efforts to develop sub-basin Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks, including Action Plans for implementation.
- Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks have been developed for all six sub-basins and are posted on the MICRA website: <http://micrarivers.org/invasive-carp-plans-and-reports/>.
  - The sub-basin partnerships developed annual project proposals and implemented work plans to collaboratively implement their respective sub-basin Frameworks.
  - Sub-basin partnerships were not requested to develop action plans for implementing their respective sub-basin frameworks.
  - *On-going*: The Executive Board requested the sub-basin partnerships each develop sub-basin scale objectives in support of their respective sub-basin Frameworks.
- c) In partnership with USFWS, coordinate the collaborative development of an annual Monitoring and Response Plan to identify highest priority management actions for Asian Carp in the Mississippi River Basin each year.
- MICRA works with the USFWS sub-basin invasive carp partnership coordinators each year to develop an annual Monitoring and Response Plan for the Mississippi River Basin and posts the document on the MICRA website.
- d) Coordinate the collaborative development, prioritization, and submission of annual recommendations to USFWS for federal funding assistance to implement sub-basin Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks.
- MICRA works with the USFWS sub-basin invasive carp partnership coordinators each year to compile project proposals from all sub-basin partnerships.
  - The compiled project proposals are reviewed by the MICRA Invasive Carp Advisory Committee and a basin-wide recommendation is submitted to the USFWS by the MICRA

Chairman each year for funding consideration.

- e) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Board for standardized methods for collecting and reporting population data for Asian carp species.
  - The AIS Committee was not asked to address this priority as it is being considered by the revised ICAC.
- f) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Board for documenting and reporting harvest data for Asian carp species.
  - The AIS Committee was not asked to address this priority as it is being considered by the revised ICAC.
- g) Promote consistent outreach materials and messages throughout the Mississippi River Basin.
  - MICRA works with the USFWS sub-basin invasive carp partnership coordinators to develop similar documents each year for the Monitoring and Response Plan for basin-wide consistency.
  - Annual summary reports for projects implemented under the Monitoring and Response Plan are compiled and posted on the MICRA website.
  - Documents are posted on the MICRA website to provide basin-wide and national information on implementation of the national management and control plan.

OBJECTIVE 4: Develop and implement a communication plan for disseminating information to target audiences.

PRIORITIES:

1. Work with outreach specialists from member and entity agencies to draft, finalize, and implement a MICRA communications plan.
  - Development of a MICRA communications plan was postponed while MICRA worked on the Joint Strategic Plan and Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission initiative.
2. Executive Board and committees will maintain current content on the

MICRA website.

- MICRA continues to maintain the MICRArivers.org website.
  - The Executive Board requested all standing committees to review their respective pages on the website and develop content as needed.
3. Engage in efforts to increase awareness and action of Congressional members to improve management of fishery and aquatic resources in the Mississippi River Basin.
- MICRA contracted for Policy and Government Affairs service annually from 2019-2023.
  - MICRA organized a Fly-in to Capitol Hill annually from 2019-2023. The 2021 Fly-in was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  - In coordination with Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, MICRA hosted a Congressional staff briefing on Invasive Carp Management and Control in the Mississippi River Basin in May 2019, in Washington DC.
  - MICRA participated in a Congressional staff briefing July 22, 2019, hosted by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and the Congressional Boating Caucus, to examine the environmental and economic problems created by aquatic invasive species.
  - MICRA hosted a Congressional field visit August 25-26, 2021, at Pickwick Dam on the Tennessee River.
  - MICRA partnered with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA) to host a Congressional field visit in conjunction with a USACE Science Team Open House at Lock and Dam 22 on the Mississippi River October 12, 2022, to discuss the significance of large-scale habitat restoration and connectivity projects; project monitoring and evaluation; and collaborative, multi-agency approaches to interjurisdictional fisheries management.
  - MICRA partnered with the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMBRA) to host a Congressional field visit August 8, 2023, in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
  - MICRA partnered with Senator Wicker to host a Congressional

briefing with Senate staff in November 8, 2023, in Washington, DC.

4. Develop outreach materials, information brochures and short publications on issues of concern to fishery resource management in the Mississippi River Basin as needed.
  - The Executive Board will develop sub-basin fact sheets based on the Aquatic Habitat Action Plan during the next operational period.
5. Develop a 5-year report of activities, accomplishments, and remaining resource needs identified in the MICRA priorities document.
  - This appendix was developed to provide a summary of activities, accomplishments, and unaddressed priorities for 2019-2023.
6. Host workshops and networking opportunities at national and regional professional meeting (e.g., Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, SEAFWA, AFS Parent Society meetings) for MICRA member agency delegates, committee members, and partners.
  - COVID-19 limited opportunities for workshop and networking opportunities during much of this 5-year operational period.
  - An informal mixer was hosted in conjunction with a joint MICRA and Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers Invasive Carp Summit and MICRA Executive Board meeting in January 2020.
  - The Executive Board hosted a MICRA social following the All-Delegates meeting August 21, 2023, in Grand Rapids, MI.

OBJECTIVE 5: Secure funding for long-term operational needs and implementation of basin-wide programs.

PRIORITIES:

1. Pursue reliable, long-term funding sources and mechanisms for MICRA.
  - MICRA's Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission initiative is intended to result in an authorization and appropriation of Federal funding to support the states' efforts to collaboratively manage sustainable interjurisdictional fishery resources.
  - MICRA's sustained Congressional outreach efforts have resulted in
    - Increases in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) grant funding for implementation of ANS Task Force approved

state/interstate AIS management plans from \$2,000,000 in FY18 to greater than \$4,000,000 in FY2023.

- WRDA 2020 language directing an expansion of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service led multi-agency effort from the “Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries” to the “Mississippi River and tributaries, including the 6 sub-basins of the River.”
  - Invasive carp funding increases to the USFWS to support states’ collaborative efforts to manage and control invasive carp populations in the Mississippi River Basin. Funding to states increased from \$2,200,000 in FY2018 to more than \$18,600,000 in FY2023.
  - WRDA 2020 authorizations for \$25,000,000 for a pilot invasive carp deterrence program in the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers Sub-basin. WRDA 2022 included direction for at least one deterrence project in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.
  - WRDA 2020 language authorizing of \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025 for a USFWS invasive carp eradication program to provide financial assistance to states to implement measures necessary to eradicate invasive carp. No funding for this program has been appropriated through FY2023.
2. Work with MICRA member agencies to pursue formation of a congressionally funded Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission to coordinate fisheries research, control aquatic invasive species (e.g., Asian carps), and facilitate cooperative management of interjurisdictional fishery and aquatic resources among the state, tribal, and federal management agencies.
- MICRA completed the collaborative development of ‘*A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Mississippi River Basin Fisheries*’ in February 2021.
  - Agency Directors from 26 of MICRA’s 28 member states have signed a Memorandum of Acceptance of the Joint Strategic Plan.
  - MICRA briefed the AFWA Fisheries and Water Resources Policy Committee and the AFWA Invasive Species Committees on the MICRA Joint Strategic Plan and Mississippi River Basin Fishery

Commission in September 2019 and March 2023.

- MICRA briefed the MAFWA Directors on the MICRA Joint Strategic Plan and Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission in June 2023.
- MICRA briefed the SEAFWA Fisheries Resources Committee and Directors Committee on the MICRA Joint Strategic Plan and Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission in October 2023.
- MICRA has contracted for policy and government affairs services to assist MICRA with the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission.
- MICRA funded the development of coalition website in support of the proposed Mississippi River Basin Commission. The website is under development at the end of 2023.