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The Committee encourages the Survey to participate in the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act Inter-agency Working Group efforts. The Committee encourages the Survey to continue research on plastics in its strategic vision and work to identify science gaps.

The Committee supports USGS participation and engagement under an existing cooperative research agreement to perform novel aquatic toxicity testing regarding 6PPD in the environment and encourages expansion of USGS's role in assessing aquatic toxicity and aiding in accelerating development and necessary regulatory approvals of a 6PPD alternative. The Committee provides \$3,000,000 in support of these activities.

Species Management Research.—The recommendation includes \$53,490,000 for Species Management Research, of which \$500,000 is for the U.S. National Phenology Network and \$1,250,000 is for research on Hawaiian forest birds that face extinction from non-native mosquitoes carrying avian malaria and other pathogens.

The Committee notes the importance of restoration of the Mississippi River and reiterates interest in establishing a Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Science Center at an existing Survey office. The Committee reminds the Service of the directive included in House Report 119–215 and looks forward to the requested briefing, which should include an estimate of the funds necessary to establish and operate such facility, and cover potential work with the EPA, including improving water quality, protecting and restoring wildlife and their habitats, preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, and improving community resilience to natural disasters.

The Committee directs the Service to partner with academic institutions near the headwaters and delta, respectively, which are well coordinated to work toward a resilient and sustainable working river ecosystem to establish a pilot program for a co-located research, innovation, and monitoring center focused on the health and maintenance of the Mississippi River. The Committee provides \$2,000,000 to support the pilot.

Land Management Research.—The recommendation includes \$50,000,000 for Land Management Research, which includes \$7,000,000 for the Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystems Program to support management and restoration of America's Everglades.

Biological Threats and Invasive Species Research Program.—The recommendation includes \$44,500,000 for the Biological Threats and Invasive Species Research Program, including to support research on European Green Crab, Coral Disease, phytoplankton changes in the Great Lakes, and Chronic Wasting Disease. The recommendation includes \$11,000,000 for invasive carp research, including to prevent the spread into the Great Lakes. The Committee looks forward to receiving the report on eradication of grass carp as directed by House Report 119–215.

The Committee is concerned about the threats of invasive Blue Catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and supports the Survey's efforts to coordinate an adaptive invasive Blue Catfish research framework.

The Committee also remains concerned about invasive species in the Everglades, such as the Burmese python, which threatens the progress made under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration