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**National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium Features New Fish**

*Dubuque, Iowa - May 19, 2009* — The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium welcomes new additions to the William Woodward Discovery Center. Its “Journey into the Deep” aquarium has a new focus on the Gulf of Mexico region and features several new fish species including Lookdowns, Blue Runners, Porkfish, Barjacks and Cottonwick Grunts, plus two Nurse Sharks as well.

The Mississippi River deposits 3.3 million gallons of water into the Gulf of Mexico every second and affects the ocean waters in which these fish species are found. The Journey into the Deep aquarium shows people a living, tangible example of what could suffer harm from their potential actions here along the Mississippi River. It serves the purpose to help people better understand our roles and the direct impact we have in today’s global environment.

The Museum & Aquarium is open daily year-round. Its current hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; its summer hours start May 23, 2009, and are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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