

Special Consideration for CONSEP certified Wingshooters

1 WHEREAS, waterfowl hunting like all other forms of legal hunting is not a guaranteed right but a
2 privilege that could be made illegal;

3 AND WHEREAS, non-toxic shot was mandated in the 1970s to reduce the loss of waterfowl species
4 created by toxic, lead shot;

5 AND WHEREAS, survey results have shown that wounding loss due to poor wingshooting skills on the
6 part of waterfowl hunters is as high (25%) as the loss of waterfowl species created by toxic, lead shot;

7 AND WHEREAS, a 25% wounding loss is considered to be unacceptable by the non-hunting public;

8 AND WHEREAS, the Cooperative North American Shotgun Education Program (CONSEP) training
9 has proven to significantly increase the marksmanship of wingshooting sportsmen while reducing the
10 wounding loss rate of waterfowl;

11 AND WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation has expended significant resources to train
12 staff to teach the CONSEP program in the state;

13 AND WHEREAS, CONSEP has produced a 30 minute video “Reducing Wounding Losses in
14 Waterfowl;”

15 AND WHEREAS, ethical hunters embrace opportunities to improve their marksmanship and minimize
16 pain and suffering to game,

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the
18 Lodge of the Four Seasons, this 28th day of February, 2010, requests the Missouri Department of
19 Conservation to continue and promote the CONSEP training program, and consider providing
20 inducements and special considerations for those wingshooters who have taken CONSEP training and
21 received certification.