

Continuation and Expansion of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan

1 WHEREAS, Table Rock Reservoir was impounded in the late 1950's and available woody habitat has
2 deteriorated with age;
3 AND WHEREAS, Table Rock Reservoir and other Missouri reservoirs have significant economic and
4 recreational value that is dependent on healthy sport fish populations;
5 AND WHEREAS, damage to aquatic habitats has been identified as the main problem related to the loss
6 of 20 percent of fish populations and the decline of 40 percent of native fish species in the United States;
7 AND WHEREAS, a pilot study of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan is already being conducted on
8 Table Rock Reservoir and watershed;
9 AND WHEREAS, multiple organizations have joined together to create and fund the National Fish
10 Habitat Action Plan;
11 AND WHEREAS, the plan calls for the installation of habitat made of natural materials at different
12 depths to accommodate for seasonal depth occupation and rising or falling water conditions;
13 AND WHEREAS, fish habitat is important to the life history of many fish species and can increase
14 reproductive success in these species;
15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
16 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011 supports the continued
17 implementation of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan in Table Rock Reservoir and, if successful,
18 supports the expansion of this program to other impoundments in Missouri in need of habitat restoration.
19 RESOLUTION SUMMARY – CFM supports the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.