**Conservation Federation of Missouri**

**2014 Resolutions**

**Committee**: Rivers and Streams **#3**

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**Support for Missouri Water Quality Standards Triennial Review**

**WHEREAS,** Missouri’s Water Quality Standards form the foundation for clean water goals and protection in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS,** federal law requires that states review and amend, if appropriate, their water quality standards every three years to incorporate new designated uses, criteria and/or antidegradation requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** new ammonia and bacteria criteria developed at the federal level will be topics of discussion in Missouri’s next water quality standards review starting in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporation of new ammonia criteria into Missouri’s standards will increase protection for fish, shellfish and wildlife in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting new bacteria criteria, Missouri’s standards will increase protection for recreational uses such as swimming, fishing, boating and canoeing; and

**WHEREAS**, additional criteria will also be updated, reducing toxicity and pollutants in Missouri’s water resources: now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,

Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March, 2014 support the adoption of new ammonia and bacteria criteria.