Support Clean Water Permit Fee Increases

WHEREAS, In accordance with RSMo 644.054.4, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources conducted a review of the fee structure in sections 644.052 and 644.053, which included stakeholder meetings, and submitted a report of the findings to the General Assembly; and,

WHEREAS, At the meetings stakeholders and MDNR agreed to raise certain permit fees in order to compensate for the loss of income due to the reduction in permit types as a result of the current effort to expedite the permit acquisition process; and,

WHEREAS, The Clean Water Fee Structure And Improved Clean Water Services: Report to the General Assembly does not make sufficient provision for raising fees of existing permits in the event that income is lost from the reduction in permit types as a result of the current effort to expedite the permit acquisition process; and,

WHEREAS, The Clean Water Funding Average Annual Shortfall (based on FY14 – FY17) is over $2.9 million: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February 2013, recommends that the Governor and the General Assembly work with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Water Protection Program and stakeholders to adjust clean water permit fees to compensate for the shortfall in income.