

**CFM Support of Angler Recruitment and Retention**

1       **WHEREAS**, Missouri anglers enjoy fishing; however, we feel the public needs more opportunities  
2       to get involved with the sport; and,

3       **WHEREAS**, There are certain events and occasions focused on recruiting more Missouri anglers;  
4       and,

5       **WHEREAS**, An introduction of events like “Dock Days” could provide youth with the enjoyment  
6       of fishing by permitting legal catch and take of fish from docks on lakes and reservoirs; and,

7       **WHEREAS**, A fishing gear loaner program could provide the public with more fishing  
8       opportunities; and,

9       **WHEREAS**, Cooperation with volunteer groups like Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Boys and Girls  
10       Club may get more youth involved in fishing; and,

11       **WHEREAS**, Programs such as the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) Discover  
12       Nature Program, Angler Recruitment and Retention Program and the Missouri Department of  
13       Natural Resources (MDNR) State Parks “Troutapalooza” Program, could increase citizens  
14       involvement in fishing; and,

15       **WHEREAS**, Increased outreach and education as well as fishing clinics could inform Missourians  
16       and encourage the public to enjoy fishing; and,

17       **WHEREAS**, CFM supports these above mentioned programs: now, therefore, be it

18       **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capital Plaza Hotel,  
19       Jefferson City, MO, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, supports MDC and MDNR in their efforts to  
20       increase angler recruitment and retention in Missouri.