

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2015 Resolutions**

Committee: Natural History, Parks & Wildlands

17

Author: CLC: Paul O'Donnell, Danielle Tevlin, Dustin Hillis, Cody Cantwell

Protecting the Recreational Usage of the Waterways of Missouri

WHEREAS, recreational river and stream usage in Missouri is an integral part of the heritage of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, millions of people using waterways each year have a massive positive economic influence on local prosperity; and

WHEREAS, recreation, including overnight camping on sand and gravel bars, is a popular tradition in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, many people's livelihoods in riverside communities are solely dependent on public access to waterways; and

WHEREAS, recreational use of waterways is largely dependent upon the guarantee of public use opportunities alongside the waterways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 22nd day of March, 2015, encourages the Missouri State Legislature to continue to protect the ability of all citizens to utilize areas alongside Missouri waterways.