

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2015 Resolutions**

Committee: Sportsman's Rights, Firearms & Hunter Safety

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MDC to Designate Set Fields for Youth Hunting During Dove Season

WHEREAS, youth involvement in hunting programs such as dove hunting is essential to passing on hunter heritage; and

WHEREAS, many conservation areas have multiple fields managed and designated for dove hunting; and

WHEREAS, current youth specific dove hunting opportunities are usually limited to the first weekend of the season; and

WHEREAS, fields full of adult hunters are intimidating and add a perceived pressure to youth hunters; and

WHEREAS, many doves move off of conservation areas to less pressured areas as the season progresses; and

WHEREAS, this limits harvest opportunities for hunters whom only have access to public land; and

WHEREAS, youth hunters will benefit from a less pressured field which will serve to retain birds in the area; 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 Department of Conservation to study designating one field on large conservation areas for youth only, as defined by MDC youth hunting regulations, during the entire dove season.