Conservation Federation of Missouri
2015 Resolutions

Committee: Furbearer and Black Bears
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CFM Support For and Participation in a Proposed Black Bear and Bobcat Study

WHEREAS, in the State of Missouri, black bears, bobcats and other species are of conservation interest; and

WHEREAS, the information on abundance and location is important for management decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation is interested in learning about the abundance of these two species in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, black bears are recolonizing portions of Missouri and population monitoring will be important for management actions; and

WHEREAS, bobcats are among Missouri’s most valuable furbearers; and

WHEREAS, citizen science is a powerful mechanism for collecting statewide information; and

WHEREAS, this study will involve citizens and their trail cameras to record observations of species of interest; 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 establish a camera-based black bear and bobcat population study with the participation of CFM members.