

Enforcement of Wildlife Code Pertaining to the Release of Pen Raised Quail

1 WHEREAS pen raised quail do not develop the survival skills and instincts required to survive in
2 Missouri;
3 AND WHEREAS, if mating occurs between pen raised and native quail, genetic material of native quail
4 may be compromised;
5 AND WHEREAS, the release of pen raised quail with the intent of restocking native quail is against
6 Wildlife Code 10-4.110;
7 AND WHEREAS, released pen raised quail carry the risk of introducing disease into the native quail
8 population;
9 AND WHEREAS, predatory activity on quail may increase in the area that pen raised birds are released,
10 due to the ease of finding and capturing pen raised birds.
11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
12 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2010 request that the Missouri
13 Department of Conservation have targeted enforcement of code violation as it pertains to releasing pen
14 raised birds for the purpose of restocking. For example, hosting local education events that inform the
15 public of the dangers listed above, create written publications, and utilize other multimedia resources.