

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2015 Resolutions**

Committee: Fisheries

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CFM Support of Research for Control of Zebra Mussels, Both Chemical and Biological

WHEREAS, Missouri contains many important aquatic resources; and

WHEREAS, zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) pose a serious threat to our native aquatic organisms, economic resources and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, zebra mussels have already been established in multiple Missouri waterways; and

WHEREAS, effective control efforts have not yet been implemented in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, chemical control that does not affect native mussel species has not been found; and

WHEREAS, biological control, such as use of redear sunfish, (*Lepomis microlophus*) has been shown to be an effective mode of action for control of invasive mussel species; 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 focus research on chemical and biological methods for zebra mussel control.