

**KANSAS WILDLIFE FEDERATION**

**NAMING THE CHANNEL CATFISH (*ICTALURUS PUNCTATUS*)  
AS THE STATE FISH OF KANSAS**

**Whereas**, the Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) is a native species to Kansas and;

**Whereas**, the Channel Catfish is present in nearly every pond, lake, reservoir, river and stream in Kansas, and;

**Whereas**, the method for Channel Catfish propagation used in fish hatcheries worldwide originated in Kansas by Seth Way in 1922, and;

**Whereas**, a total of 2.58 million Channel Catfish were stocked in Kansas waters in 2013, and;

**Whereas**, the Channel Catfish is the most fished for species in Kansas according to the 2013 Kansas Licensed Angler Survey.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kansas Wildlife Federation assembled during its annual meeting, February 21, 2015 in Hays, Kansas, urges the Kansas Legislature to name the Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) as the state fish of Kansas.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kansas Wildlife Federation provide this resolution to the Governor of the State of Kansas, appropriate Kansas Legislature committees and members, the Chairperson and members of the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission and the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.