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Committee: Rivers and Streams

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Surface Mining and Gravel Excavation

1 WHEREAS Missouri streams are a unique and highly valuable natural resource in both aesthetic
2 value and in revenue generated from outdoor recreation activities;
3 AND WHEREAS Missouri streams sustain abundant and diverse wildlife populations by providing
4 essential habitat for fish, amphibian, reptile, mussel, mammal, crustacean, and avian species;
5 AND WHEREAS Missouri streams provide citizens the opportunity to enrich their outdoor heritage
6 by providing floating, fishing, trapping, hunting, and many other enriching recreational activities;
7 AND WHEREAS Missouri streams are delicate systems dependent on protection from excessive
8 disturbance in order to maintain their distinctive ecosystem integrity;
9 AND WHEREAS Missouri streams offer society valuable aggregate commodities in the form of sand
10 and gravel;
11 AND WHEREAS Missouri landowners are now allowed to mine gravel for their personal use without
12 requiring a federal or state permit;
13 AND WHEREAS the use of inappropriate sand and gavel mining practices can have serious impacts
14 on Missouri steams and regulatory control of this industry is mandatory;
15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
16 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 24th day of February, 2008, strongly opposes
17 passage of House Bill 1389 – Surface Mining and Gravel Excavation, because it removes a large
18 segment of gravel mining operations from regulation by allowing mining operations to operate under
19 a weak regulatory process with virtually no enforcement of MDNR rules. HB 1389 elevates the
20 undefined practice “managing of seasonal gravel accretion,” to a priority which justifies and allows
21 relieving a large number of operators from the permitting process. This is a declaration that all gravel

22 bars are bad and the government should encourage widespread removal, which is an unwarranted
23 over reaction to the need for gravel management in some Missouri streams. HB 1389 sets minimum
24 mining tonnage limits for a permit requirement and accountability at an excessive 5,000 tons, which
25 is about 500 truckloads. This would allow and encourage commercial operations to operate outside
26 the rules and permitting system.