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# Show Your Support for Missouri Waters

## Showing your Support

Your presence can help show the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Clean Water Commission that you support our state's waters. Currently, more than 150,000 miles of waters, as well as lakes, ponds, and wetlands remain without scientific standards to prevent potential pollution because they are considered 'unclassified waters'. These unclassified streams lack legal recognition that their waters should be healthy enough to support aquatic life and clean enough for swimming (described as "fishable/swimmable").

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is proposing a rule that would take steps to classify a portion of the currently unclassified waters. Although the proposed rule will leave some waters without protection, it is still a step in the right direction.

## Missouri is the last state that leaves more than 80% of our waters as unclassified.

It is important that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Clean Water Commission know citizens support our water resources.

### You can take action by:

- Wearing your favorite shade of blue and attending the Clean Water Commission public hearing on the proposed rule **Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lewis and Clark State Office Building, 1101 Riverside Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65101**
- Sending comments by September 17 to:

John Hoke, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program

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Or email: [john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov)



### Learn More

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### Quick Facts

Proposed Rule:

- lists 115,000 total miles of streams/ivers (currently there are only 25,000 miles listed)
- lists 2,120 Lakes/Reservoirs
- designates fishable/swimable uses for listed waters, which makes them subject to scientific water quality standards to protect aquatic life and recreational use



### Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition

One goal of the Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition is to encourage advocacy amongst the Stream Team Community. One way we do this is by sending out Issue Alerts that will give your Team the opportunity to voice an opinion regarding issues related to protection of our water resources.

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## LINKING STREAM TEAMS FOR HEALTHY WATERSHEDS

September 17, 2013

Missouri Clean Water Commission  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

To the Commission,

The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition (MSTWC) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that works to support the Missouri Stream Team Program and our Stream Team Associations. Associations are groups of Stream Teams within watersheds who work together. MSTWC is made up of representatives from Stream Team Associations throughout the state. The Missouri Stream Team Program has over 80,000 citizen volunteers, over 4,000 Teams, and 18 Associations all working across the state to protect and improve our waterways.

MSTWC would first like to commend the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for carrying out a stakeholder process to produce the proposed ruling in the 10 CSR 20-7.031 Water Quality Standards. We understand the need to balance interest such as water users, agriculture, recreation, and the resources when creating rulings to protect our water resources or any natural resource. We feel the proposed ruling does reach a type of compromise when considering a variety of interest and the economic impact.

MSTWC speaks on behalf of the resource; our waters. We support the proposed ruling and realize this is a huge step in the right direction. We also understand improvements can be made to the proposed ruling in the future and we look forward to being part of that process.

We hope you as members of the Clean Water Commission understand the importance of approving this ruling. MSTWC hopes Missouri can finally join the rest of our nation by classifying more of our waters leading to better protection and improvement of this precious resource.

Respectfully,

Stream Team 728: Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition  
Stream Team 1878: Little Blue River Watershed Association  
Stream Team 4325: Ozarks Water Watchers  
Stream Team 4830: Missouri River Stream Team Association  
Stream Team 4123: LaBarque Watershed Stream Team Association  
Stream Team 3755: Missouri Bootheel Stream Team Association

Stream Team 674: Scenic River Stream Team Association  
Stream Team 1365: James River Basin Partnership Stream Team  
Stream Team 4707: Stewards of Grand Glaize Stream Team Association  
Stream Team 3717: South Grand River Watershed Alliance  
Stream Team 463: Greenway Network, Inc.  
Stream Team 725: Green Hills River Watch  
Stream Team 4510: Mill Creek Watershed Coalition  
Stream Team 2991: Friends of La Barque Watershed Stream Team Association  
Stream Team 3375: Joan Leavens Blue River Team  
Stream Team 2926: The Stacy Arnold Team  
Stream Team 3492: Suzy's Zoo  
Stream Team 2819: The Gail Johnston Team  
Stream Team 1: Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association  
Stream Team 76: Ladue Middle School  
Stream Team 1617: Howardville Jumpstart  
Stream Team 410: Heart of America Fly Fishers  
Stream Team 3191: Heman Park Crew  
Stream Team 3606: The David Chervek Team  
Stream Team 714: Family Farms Group  
Stream Team 1008: Twin River Rangers  
Stream Team 3481: Big Piney Tie Rafters  
Stream Team 713: Upper Jacks Fork River Rats  
Stream Team 3508: Swan Creek Clean-up  
Stream Team 3714: Wildcat Glades Audubon Center  
Stream Team 3252: The Val Frankoski Team  
Stream Team 2386: The Alpine Shop  
Stream Team 3986: The Becky Erickson Team  
Stream Team 4031: Timberland  
Stream Team 3905: The O'Mara Family  
Stream Team 3762: The Lesa Urban Team  
Stream Team 264: The Bachant Family  
Stream Team 3067: Warm Fork Team  
Stream Team 3714: Wildcat Glades Audubon Center  
Stream Team 4180: The Simmons Family  
Stream Team 3481: Big Piney Tie Rafters  
Stream Team 3713: Dry Fork ACOA  
Stream Team 4065: The Eco-Squad  
Stream Team 4078: Ward Branch Shiners  
Stream Team 2264: Brush Creek Mid-Shed Project  
Stream Team 3949: Prairie Creek Stream Team  
Stream Team 4503: Platte River Rats  
Stream Team 4390: Mim's 5 Grand  
Stream Team 859: Green Mountain Farm  
Stream Team 4541: PBK  
Stream Team 2574: Concerned Citizens for Better Development  
Stream Team 4343: Grand Glaize Creek  
Stream Team 4439: Mill Creek Watershed Alliance  
Stream Team 3612: Confluence  
Stream Team 436: Hillers Creek