

Missouri Clean Water Commission
Department of Natural Resources
East Elm Street Conference Center
Bennett Springs/Roaring River Conference Rooms
1730 East Elm Street
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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**Amendment to 10 CSR 20-7.031, Water Quality Standards,
Proposed “Fishable/Swimmable” Rule Language**

Issue: At the request of the Commission, the Department is presenting maps of the stream coverage that could be used to apply the designation of “fishable/swimmable” uses to currently unclassified waters.

Background: In September 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency determined that Missouri’s Water Quality Standards at 10 CSR 20-7.031 do not fully implement the “fishable/swimmable” use designations required by Section 101(a) of the federal Clean Water Act. The Department has provided draft rule language to the Commission and stakeholders that applies the designation of “fishable/swimmable” uses to currently unclassified waters. At the request of the Commission, the Department is presenting maps of the stream coverage that could be used.

There is considerable interest from state and federal regulatory agencies, environmental groups, and public/private entities affected by the rulemaking. The Department is committed to working with these stakeholders to promote wide-spread acceptance for the proposals contained within the rulemaking. Commissioners, upon request, may be added to the stakeholder list to receive updates on the progress of the rule.

Recommended Action: Information only.

Suggested Motion Language: None.

List of Attachments: None.

