

# MOSCB RESOLUTION ON SCB ADOPTING A POSITION STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

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to be presented via the listserv and voted on via email by November 29, 2005

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Resolution text: The Missouri Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology shall sign on as a supporter of the request to the Society for Conservation Biology (i.e. our parent organization) to adopt a position statement on economic growth. The letter of request is sponsored by the North American Section of the Society for Conservation Biology and the Social Sciences Working Group of the Society for Conservation Biology.

First paragraph of letter: "We seek the adoption of a policy position on economic growth and biodiversity conservation by the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB). In your governing capacity for SCB, in which you represent us and the rest of the SCB membership, we ask you to consider a position on economic growth as an official SCB business item for the 2006 conference in San Jose." A full copy of the letter is attached. The letter provides justification for why SCB should consider adopting a position statement of economic growth.

This resolution meets the objectives of the Society for Conservation Biology in that it: 1) promotes conservation and responsible stewardship; 2) advances a position on public policy; and 3) creates a forum of awareness and involvement for Chapter members.

This resolution is needed to support the letter of request being sent to the Society of Conservation Biology. The goal of the letter is to request that the Board of Governors of SCB consider the adoption of a position statement on economic growth. The position statement may acknowledge that a steady state economy is an alternative to our current growing economy that will likely improve efforts to conserve biodiversity.

Proposed recipients of this resolution: North American Section of the Society for Conservation Biology and the Social Sciences Working Group of the Society for Conservation Biology.

Scientific documentation about economic growth:

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