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Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) announces that Director Robert L. Ziehmer is stepping down as director effective July 15, 2016.

“It is with mixed emotions that I am resigning from my position as director,” Ziehmer said. “My decision to leave was not easy. The many years I have spent with the Department have been both professionally challenging and rewarding. However, I am excited about continuing my conservation career through a new endeavor in the private sector.”

Ziehmer has been with MDC for over 25 years. During his last six and half years as director, he has continued to move conservation forward by forging strong statewide and national conservation partnerships and increasing public engagement on key conservation initiatives.

Some milestones during Ziehmer’s tenure include restoration activities for elk, prairie chickens, hellbenders and sturgeon; active efforts to deliver the conservation message in all public schools; implementation of major infrastructure projects, including hatchery renovations, wetland renovations, shooting range renovations, and new

regional facilities; working to improve the agency's business processes; and continuing MDC's role as a national leader in fish, forest, and wildlife management.

“Bob’s dedication to Missouri’s Department has made a lasting impact on the life of this state,” said Conservation Commission Chair Marilynn Bradford. “He has chosen to take the next step in his conservation career, and we are indebted to he and his family for his devoted service and commitment to Missouri Conservation.”

Ziehmer was appointed director in January 2010. He is the 8th person to serve in this capacity since MDC’s founding in 1937.

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