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## **Sen. Ryan McKenna Sponsors Conservation Commission Candidate Don Johnson**

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Ryan McKenna, D-Crystal City, today announced that the Senate confirmed the appointment of Don Johnson to the Missouri Conservation Commission. The commission's duties include creating policy for the Department of Conservation and approving wildlife code regulations.

Johnson, a resident of Festus, served as president of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, a citizen's group dedicated to furthering the conservation issues, until his appointment. In addition, Johnson is a member of the National Wildlife Federation, is a member and past president of the Twin City Chamber of Commerce, helped launch Missouri's Archery in the Schools Program, and served as past president of the Missouri State Parks Advisory Board. Johnson is the first African American to be appointed to the commission.

"This appointment is an important step for minorities in the field of conservation, and I am pleased that the governor appointed him," said Sen. McKenna. "Don's accomplishments are going to open the door for many other people in the future."

The governor appoints members of many state agencies, commissions, and boards. Appointees then work with their state senator, who acts as a sponsor in the process of confirmation, which begins before the Senate's Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

"This is the first person I have had the opportunity to sponsor in a gubernatorial hearing since I began in the Senate," said Sen. McKenna. "I am honored that I was able to sponsor Don, and I know his knowledge and expertise will be an asset to the commission."

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*Sen. McKenna meets with Don Johnson at the Capitol in Jefferson City.*

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