

# Senate Joint Resolution 2 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 A Joint Resolution designating the channel catfish as the  
2 official state fish for the State of Iowa.  
3 WHEREAS, the channel catfish (*ictalurus punctatus*) is a native  
4 fish to Iowa's prairie streams and rivers inhabiting all 99  
5 counties, and is one of the most abundant fish in Iowa lakes,  
6 streams, and rivers; and  
7 WHEREAS, the channel catfish's appearance is easily  
8 recognizable by its slender scaleless body, deeply forked tail,  
9 fleshy whiskers, and sharp spines; and  
10 WHEREAS, the channel catfish can be caught with a wide variety  
11 of tackle, most of which is inexpensive and available to all  
12 anglers; and  
13 WHEREAS, the channel catfish is excellent table fare, with  
14 Iowa anglers reporting that they eat catfish more often than any  
15 other sport fish; and  
16 WHEREAS, more Iowans participate in sport fishing than any  
17 other outdoor recreational sport with nearly one million anglers  
18 spending approximately \$400 million annually and generating \$1.2  
19 billion in economic activity; and  
20 WHEREAS, the channel catfish is the most preferred fish among  
21 Iowa anglers, reaching trophy size above 30 pounds and providing  
22 pole-bending action, with over four million caught annually; and  
23 WHEREAS, the channel catfish is an important fish to  
24 Mississippi river commercial fishers with nearly 500,000 pounds  
1 of channel catfish marketed each year from the river; NOW  
2 THEREFORE,  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. STATE FISH DESIGNATED. The channel catfish  
1 2 (*ictalurus punctatus*) is designated and shall be officially  
1 3 known as the state fish of Iowa.  
1 4 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS. The director of the  
1 5 department of cultural affairs shall obtain appropriate  
1 6 pictures and other representations of the channel catfish and  
1 7 shall display the pictures and representations in an  
1 8 appropriate place in the state historical museum.  
1 9 Sec. 3. OFFICIAL REGISTER. The editor of the Iowa  
1 10 official register shall include an appropriate picture and  
1 11 commentary of the channel catfish in the Iowa official  
1 12 register, along with the pictures of the state rock, state  
1 13 flower, state bird, and state tree.  
1 14 EXPLANATION  
1 15 This joint resolution designates the channel catfish as the  
1 16 official state fish of Iowa. The director of the department  
1 17 of cultural affairs shall obtain pictures and other  
1 18 appropriate representations of the state fish and display the  
1 19 pictures and information in the state historical museum. The  
1 20 editor of the Iowa official register shall include a picture  
1 21 of the state fish along with pictures of the state rock, state  
1 22 flower, state bird, and state tree.  
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