

Corn Growers Lead Agriculture In Support Of Fishable Waters Act



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), along with a broad coalition of farmers, anglers, state resource agencies and others, recently joined Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-Mo.) and Rep. John Tanner (D-Tenn.) as they introduced groundbreaking legislation to restore fisheries habitat and improve water quality nationwide.

The Fishable Waters Act of 2000 will foster the formation

of innovative, public-private partnerships to address water quality concerns on an overall watershed basis. The approach relies on voluntary, incentive-based, locally led conservation efforts.

"Our nation's corn growers manage nearly 80 million acres across the United States. And more than 70 percent of the land in the lower 48 states is privately owned. Just think of what could be accomplished for fish and other resources if

the farmers and other individuals managing all these acres had the right tools and incentives to multiply their stewardship practices," said Bruce Knight, NCGA vice president for public policy.

"The key to unlocking conservation possibilities for fish and other valuable resources on private land is to educate landowners, provide them the necessary technical and financial assistance, and foster communication among all stakeholders. This is ex-

actly the approach outlined in the Fishable Waters Act," he said.

"Rather than finding new federal monies to create and enforce new regulations on landowners, why not direct new and existing resources to actual on-the-ground projects, at the landowner's request?" Knight asked. "We can achieve much more for our nation's natural resource base, using tax dollars in a cost-efficient manner, by

working cooperatively with farmers and ranchers rather than regulating them.

"That's why the nation's corn growers are proud to lead the agriculture community in support of the Fishable Waters Act. We look forward to working with Senator Bond, Congressman Tanner and the Fishable Waters Coalition to see this important legislation enacted," Knight said.

Snyder To Lead National Grain Sorghum Producers Marketing Efforts

LUBBOCK, Texas — National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) announces the addition of Tim S. Snyder to the organization's staff.

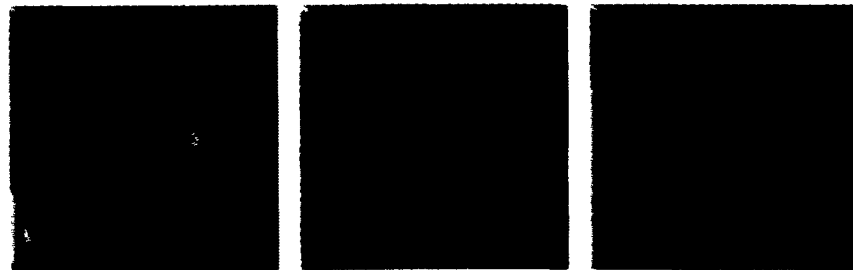
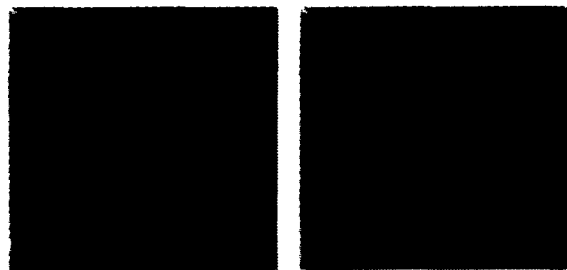
Snyder, who was recently named NGSP marketing director, replaces Aaron Johnson, who recently departed NGSP to complete his doctorate and assume a teaching position at Texas Tech University.

Snyder has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University. His 13 years of marketing experience in the pharmaceutical and medical industry includes his role as retail sales director at The Med Group, a national medical equipment marketing association. Snyder also was employed as a commodities broker with Dean Witter Reynolds.

Snyder's duties at NGSP will focus on developing and implementing a strategic marketing and utilization plan to achieve the highest possible market value for grain sorghum.

"The future of sorghum profitability relies on improved yield and new or better markets for our crop," said Leo Bindel, NGSP president.

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