

**THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
YOUNGSTOWN AREA TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY**

Approved November 2005

ARTICLE I—NAME.

Section A— The organization shall be known as the "Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society", a non-profit hobby organization.

Section B— The name of the society will only be changed with a two thirds membership approval, and shall be governed by Article X of this constitution.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE.

Section A— The purposes of this organization are to encourage and promote the science of freshwater and saltwater fishes, invertebrates, plants, etc.; to foster interest youth in the field; to encourage the breeding and displaying of aquatic life; to advance affiliations between kindred organizations in the United States and throughout the world; to acquire and dispense aquaria knowledge and literature; and to display the fact that ichthyology is a serious, educational and entertaining field and study. Furthermore, the organization believes the earth's natural oceans, rivers, streams and wetlands are a precious natural resources and should be protected and conserved whenever possible.

Section B— The society shall endeavor to hold regular monthly membership meetings.

Section C— The Board of Directors shall endeavor to meet once each month on a separate date from the membership meeting to conduct the society's business and organization.

Section D— The official publication of the society shall be known as the Youngstown Aquarist and shall contain pertinent information.

Section E— For financial purposes, the fiscal year shall be from January 1st through December 31st.