

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 membershi approval, and shall be governed by Article X of this constitution.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE** The organization is organized exclusively for scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**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 faet 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 Younkstown Aquarist and shall contain pertinent information.

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

**Section F -** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.