

RESOLUTION NO. 94-R-578

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE TO ASSUME THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON BY MANAGING THE FISHERIES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF OREGON.

WHEREAS, the economic stability of coast communities is vitally linked to the wise and prudent utilization of its fisheries resource; and

WHEREAS, the need is prevailing for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure the management of the fishery resource within three mile territorial waters for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, existing federal mandated policies and procedures are driven by political influence rather than sound biological information; and

WHEREAS, federal agencies and other states have brought to bear for numerous years the burdens of unsound Klamath River policies upon the citizens of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the salmon resource is one of the most manageable of all fish species, yet steady declines in the number of harvestable fish is the norm rather than the exception; and

WHEREAS, since the federal bureaucracy has taken over the management of the fisheries in Oregon its only effect has been to proliferate itself and in fact it is not accountable to the people of Oregon for its mismanagement and the wasting of a natural resource. Taxpayers resources have been frivolously expended and there has been no increase in allowable harvest; and

WHEREAS, we feel that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife can be held more accountable to the people of Oregon because they can manage people as well as the resource. It should, in fact, govern people for the purpose of balancing economic stability with sound conservation of the fishery resource. The direct impact of their decisions, or lack of, will always be upon families and their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned urges the Governor of the State of Oregon to decree that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife assume their responsibility for the social and economic stability of Oregonians by its sound management of the state territorial waters.

PASSED by the Council and signed by the Mayor this 23rd day of May, 1994.



**Tom Davis
Mayor**

ATTEST:



**Beverly S. Shields
City Recorder**