

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05

A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO FACILITATE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, in January 2018, up to 4,200 gallons of oil leaked from a 20-foot long oil tank located beneath an abandoned pier into the Columbia River near Astoria, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, a combination of high tides and strong winds apparently caused the pier to collapse and rupture the tank;

WHEREAS the Coast Guard and other parties responded promptly to contain the spill and to remove the ruptured tank;

WHEREAS, the tank had likely been in place since at least 1921 and contained Bunker C oil used to heat the Union Fisherman's Cooperative Packing Company but this tank had not in use for over 30 years since the packing company closed its doors;

WHEREAS, pollution released during this event has created an environmental and economic threat to the well being of the environment and economy of the lower Columbia region;

WHEREAS, decontamination and clean-up is beyond the financial capacity of the parties involved and will require co-operative efforts to remove pollutants from the riverbed, shoreline, wharfs, docks, ships; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Astoria City Council hereby resolves as follows:

- 1. The City agrees to work cooperatively with the Coast Guard, the State of Oregon, and all other participating parties to provide support for decontamination and clean-up efforts.
2. The Astoria City Manager is hereby authorized to represent the City in efforts to restore the estuary

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL THIS 26 DAY OF Feb 2018.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF ASTORIA THIS 26 DAY OF Feb, 2018

ATTEST:

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City Manager

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Mayor

ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION
COMMISSIONER Brownson YEA X
Jones X
Nemlowill X
Price X
Mayor LaMear X

APPROVED AS TO FORM: