

## RESOLUTION NO. 2377

Introduced by All Commissioners

### Expressing Support of the Gillnet Fisheries

**WHEREAS**, the City of Warrenton has had a long-standing position of supporting the local commercial fishery due to the fact that the City is a fishing based community with a commercial fleet and two large fish processing plants; and

**WHEREAS**, any ban on Gillnetting on the Columbia River would have a severe negative economic impact on small business owners, and on the City of Warrenton, Clatsop County, and the Lower Columbia Region; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been insufficient research done to determine the impact of any proposed changes in fishing practices to determine mortality rates and the negative economic effects; and

**WHEREAS**, any proposal that would ban Gillnet Fishing would alter existing agreements with the State of Washington, alter fishing quotas, and alter the structure of the Commercial Fishery Permit Board to exclude the current Gillnet Fishing Community, which therefore violates the single-subject rule for initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed initiative is an attempt to re-allocate fishing quotas, which does not effectively address best science or economic consequences. Not only is the current harvest legal, it is importantly a significant and positive impact on the region's economy and food service; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon State Statute ORS 506.109 STATES THAT: "it is the policy of the State of Oregon that food fish shall be managed to provide the optimum economic, commercial, recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of the state" and to permit "equitable utilization of available food fish". The proposed initiative would not provide optimal or equitable economic and commercial benefits and would not preserve the economic contribution of the commercial fishing industry.

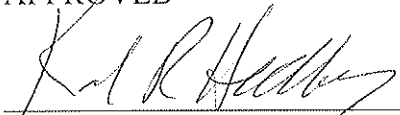
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warrenton City Commission, Clatsop County Oregon, as follows:

The Commission opposes the proposed Ballot Measure 81 and is **strongly** opposed to a ban on Gillnet Fishing on the Columbia River.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

**ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

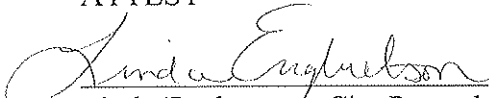
APPROVED



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Karl R. Hellberg, Mayor

ATTEST



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Linda Engbretson, City Recorder