

RESOLUTION NO. 2194

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER: Mark Kujala

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE RESERVES WITHIN
OREGON'S TERRITORIAL SEA

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon is working to establish a network of State Marine Reserves (SMRs) along the Oregon coast as part of an overall strategy to manage its marine waters and submerged lands using an ecosystem-based approach; and

WHEREAS, a SMR is an area within Oregon's state territorial sea (0-3 nautical miles) that is permanently protected from all extractive activities, including fishing and the removal or disturbance of living and non-living marine resources, except as necessary for monitoring or research to evaluate reserve condition, effectiveness, or impact of stressors; and

WHEREAS, the overall purpose of SMRs is to help protect, sustain, and restore the nearshore marine ecosystem, its habitats, and species for the heritage values they represent to present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to designate areas as small as possible to limit adverse social and economic impacts on ocean users and ocean dependent communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warrenton supports the concept to protecting our ocean environment; however, the City of Warrenton encourages that the following criteria be considered in designating a SMR:

1. Determine the socio-economic impact of establishing a SMR in the recommended area.
2. Adequate state funding for baseline studies, follow-up research, monitoring and enforcement.
3. Adequate time needs to be taken to observe and collect baseline data within the boundaries of and adjacent to proposed or nominated SMR sites, including climatological effects.
4. Limit the time during which an area may be designated a SMR to five years after completing a baseline study.
5. Annual assessments of the ecosystem should be done and reports submitted to Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) within 45 days after completion.
6. Collection of baseline data and periodic assessments should be accomplished using local boats and experienced boat captains.
7. Establish what activities, if any, may be allowed within the SMR through a consensus of all stake holders, i.e., search and rescue.
8. After a five-year period, stakeholders should analyze all scientific and experiential data and determine if the area shall remain a SMR for another five-year period, and whether

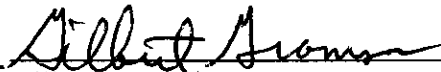
- activities should be allowed to occur with the SMR.
9. Establish a procedure by which crab pots that move into the SMR due to ocean current and storms may be removed by owners.
 10. Establish clear and identifiable boundaries that may be observed from shore to assist in enforcement.

Therefore, be it resolved, the City of Warrenton submits it has a vested interest in maintaining a viable ocean environment and submits that SMRs may be an additional option to manage its marine waters and submerged lands using an ecosystem-based approach.

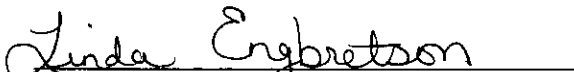
Be it further resolved, the City of Warrenton recommends that his process should not move forward as an unfunded mandate, and that at minimum, the above ten criteria be included in the SMR's program objectives.

Approved and Adopted this 28th day of August, 2007, by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton.

APPROVED


Gilbert Gramson, Mayor

ATTEST


Linda Engbretson, City Recorder