

RESOLUTION NO. 2240

Introduced by: All Commissioners

Supporting the Pacific Fisheries Management Council's  
Development of an individual Fishing Quota System for the West Coast  
Trawl Groundfish Fishery and Opposing Allocation of Harvesting  
Shares to Fish Processing Companies

**WHEREAS**, the West Coast Trawl Fishery is an important component of the Oregon Coastal Economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Coast Trawl Fishery is an important component to the city of Warrenton, providing jobs and vital economic impacts to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Coast Groundfish Fishery is the largest component of the West Coast Trawl Fishery, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia River is the home port of the largest number of trawl vessels of any area in Oregon, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Pacific Fishery Management Council is developing an Individual Quota program to strengthen the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery and increase the economic benefit to coastal economies by increasing the incentives to conserve the fishery resource and by increasing the amount of harvest of species of fish from healthy stocks while avoiding the capture of species of fish from unhealthy stocks; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of fish processing companies along the West Coast has decreased to a level where a very few companies process the groundfish landed by the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, the only rationale to issue fish harvesting shares to processors that has been presented to the Pacific Fishery Management Council is to use these shares in an anti-competitive manner to prevent new processing companies from processing groundfish; and,

**WHEREAS**, a strong health and stable fishing fleet is necessary to support healthy processing industries and realize the economic potential of the groundfish fishery; and

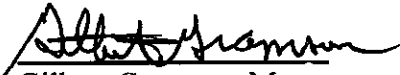
**WHEREAS**, allocating groundfish harvesting shares to processors weakens the fishing fleet and jeopardizes the ability of the West Coast Trawl Fishery to realize the maximum economic benefit possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the motivation to conserve the fishery resources is weakened by allocating harvesting shares to processors and jeopardizes the conservation of the groundfish resource.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENTON** that the City of Warrenton supports the efforts of the Pacific Fishery Management Council to develop and implement an Individual Fishermen's Quota program for the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery and opposes issuing harvesting shares to fish processing companies.

Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.

APPROVED

  
Gilbert Gramson, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Linda Engbretson, City Recorder