

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-52**

Declaring Multnomah County's support for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Initiative and directing communication with Members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Salmon and steelhead habitat in local streams and rivers has deteriorated for many decades due to multiple causes.
- b. Water quality has suffered due to increased sediment, higher water temperatures, and greater surface water run-off including toxic chemical and petroleum product residue.
- c. Declining fish runs have substantially and adversely impacted recreational angling and commercial fisheries throughout coastal and inland communities.
- d. Species of Northwest salmon and steelhead have been listed under federal statute (the Endangered Species Act) as threatened or endangered or are proposed for such listing).
- e. There is great uncertainty about the impact and costs associated with listings upon local governments and private property owners.
- f. Local citizens in recent years have voluntarily formed watershed councils to identify specific projects to restore watershed quality.
- g. Private property owners with limited assistance from funds available through the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board (GWEB) have participated in riparian improvements including tree planting, fencing and off-stream livestock watering.

- h. The Governors of Alaska, California, Oregon and Washington have requested a significant increase in federal assistance for local watershed management projects.
- i. The White House Budget for FY 2000 has recommended an additional \$100 million per year for six years to be shared equally among the four Pacific states for local watershed and fish habitat improvements (including specific reference to treaty tribe participation).
- j. Congress will soon begin its review of the Governors' request and the White House recommended budget.

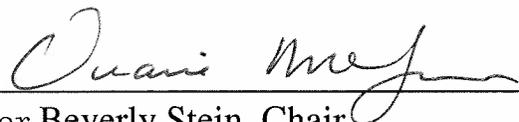
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County supports the salmon recovery funding request of the Governors of Alaska, California, Oregon, & Washington.
2. The Board and other officials will communicate the County's support for the salmon recovery initiative and full funding to Oregon's members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and urge active support with the leadership and members of the appropriations committees.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 1999.

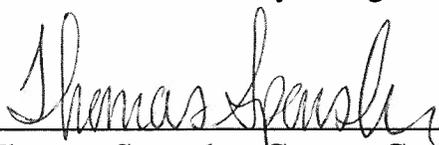


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