

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON AND  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Recommending     )  
State and Federal Funds to be     )  
Used to Complete the Sturgeon     )     JOINT RESOLUTION  
Lake Restoration Project            )     #88-128

WHEREAS, Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island is a major wildlife habitat area on the Pacific Flyway and has been recognized in both the Multnomah County and Columbia County comprehensive plans as an area of significant environmental concern; and

WHEREAS, the lake and surrounding lands are one of the Portland Metropolitan area's prime recreation resources used about 600,000 visitor days per year; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah and Columbia counties are members of the Oregon Tourism Alliance, an eleven member organization of governments created to develop and implement the Governor's Regional Strategies program; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Tourism Alliance has adopted a Regional Strategy to enhance tourism in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the lake and surrounding lands with its recreational opportunities implements that strategy by encouraging tourism; and

WHEREAS, a cost benefit analysis (see attached analysis) has shown Sturgeon Lake, if maintained, would produce \$2,097,338 dollars of economic benefit for the area annually; and

WHEREAS, Sturgeon Lake is silting in after closure of former flushing channels resulting from diking in the 1950's causing decreased water quality, vegetative encroachment, shallow lake levels, and loss of wildlife and important water recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, after a study of the lake was done, a restoration project was begun to create a flushing channel into the Columbia to the south end of Sturgeon Lake which is now 80 percent complete at a cost to date of \$500,000, including funds from Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, although the project will cost more to complete than originally estimated, the work to date will be wasted, and the lake will become a mud flat if the additional work for \$350,000 is not undertaken this summer; and

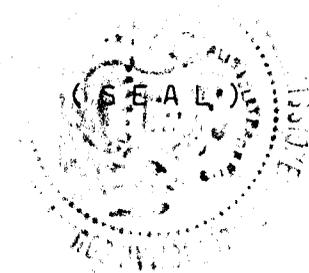
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that both Multnomah County and Columbia County urge completion of the Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project with a combination of State and Federal funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor Goldschmidt and the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

APPROVED, this 21st day of July, 1988.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Gladys McCoy  
Gladys McCoy, County Chair



APPROVED AS TO FORM

By Laurence Kressel  
Laurence Kressel, County Counsel

APPROVED, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1988.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By Michael J. Sykes  
Michael J. Sykes, Chair

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

By John K. Knight  
John K. Knight, County Counsel