
CHARTER 35439

FOR THE SAKE OF THE SALMON

PREAMBLE

For the Sake of the Salmon is an organization created for the purpose of supporting and coordinating efforts to protect, restore and sustain the salmon

We are convinced this is critical to the success of regional salmon protection and restoration. This effort is not intended to impose solutions on any region, nor to usurp existing authorities and responsibilities. It takes a voluntary, non-regulatory approach. Its purpose is to facilitate effective local solutions by providing information and assistance to the many efforts needed to protect and restore the salmon, and serve as a forum to increase coordination and cooperation among its members.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of *For the Sake of the Salmon* is to restore salmon to levels which ensure healthy, sustainable natural populations and support productive fisheries.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in *For the Sake of the Salmon* is open to all public and private organizations who share our vision and principles and wish to contribute in a coordinated, positive manner to the success of our mission.

The charter signature members of *FOR THE SAKE OF THE SALMON* are

- Governors of Pacific salmon region states,
- Tribal leaders,
- Regional directors of federal resource agencies,
- Local Governments,
- Private sector leaders,
- Sport and commercial fishing industry representatives, and
- Environmental and conservation organizations

PRINCIPLES

- *Salmon are essential to our quality of life and a diversified, sustainable economy. Natural populations of salmon are indicators of the health of our land and water, and we seek to restore them to levels that ensure their survival and support productive fisheries.*
- *A robust regional economy, and our ability to protect, restore and sustain salmon, are mutually interdependent. We reject the idea that salmon must be sacrificed in the name of economic prosperity, or that economic sectors must be sacrificed to sustain the salmon.*
- *A healthy, sustainable fishing industry and the jobs it supports are positive and deliberate outcomes of our efforts.*
- *The role of federal, state, tribal, and local governments is to work together and with the public and private sector to protect, restore, and sustain salmon. Together we seek to establish a regional framework with measurable objectives in order to maximize efficiency, minimize duplication, and provide the necessary technical expertise.*
- *The success of salmon protection and restoration efforts depends upon the full participation of local citizens, landowners, the private sector and governments, focusing on the specific needs of their watersheds.*
- *Protection, restoration, and long term maintenance of the salmon and their ecosystems will be based on the best available scientific information. Action, however, cannot always be conditioned on absolute certainty.*
- *While consensus is desirable, restoring and sustaining the salmon will require difficult decisions, and these decisions may not always be unanimous.*
- *Successful protection and restoration of salmon and other natural resources can best be achieved by an integrated, ecosystem approach to management, rather than a species-by-species approach.*
- *Innovative economic incentive programs and other voluntary approaches are the preferred means for restoring and sustaining salmon. Where existing mechanisms provide inadequate incentives or serve as disincentives to conservation actions, new mechanisms will be proposed to promote conservation of salmon.*
- *An appropriate foundation of regulations is necessary to sustain salmon. Whenever possible, simplification of existing regulations and improved enforcement are to be favored over new regulations.*

STRATEGY

We will sustain our cooperative effort to restore the salmon relying upon a five part strategy

- 1 We will identify public and private policies that contribute to the decline of the salmon and identify ways to make human activities less harmful We will emphasize the creation of economic incentives and the identification of positive alternatives to activities affecting habitat Development of innovative landowner incentive programs to encourage habitat conservation will be a key element of our effort
- 2 Because so much habitat throughout the range of the salmon already has been seriously degraded, we will seek to assist in the identification and protection of the remaining healthy habitat which is increasingly critical to the future existence of the salmon In addition, we will assist existing efforts, and support new initiatives, to restore productivity in areas where habitat already has been degraded This will be accomplished through the active involvement of local citizens and organizations focused on the specific needs of individual watersheds
- 3 We will promote efficiency and cost-effectiveness in efforts to protect and restore the health and productivity of our salmon resources This will be accomplished by promoting and facilitating better coordination and cooperation among all levels of government We will help create functional mechanisms to interact with and support local governments We will call for the reduction of ineffective and unnecessary regulatory burdens on private activities
- 4 We will establish a system to monitor progress toward measurable salmon recovery objectives To assure a rational scientific basis, we will develop a coordinated system of scientific data for salmon region-wide We will develop biologically sound criteria that serve as a common standard to guide prioritization of habitat projects Our goal is achieving the greatest benefit from available resources
- 5 We will seek to encourage a conservation and stewardship ethic toward our natural environment in government, the public, and private decision making This will be accomplished by making better information available about how decisions affect the salmon's environment and offering reasonable alternatives and options that are more compatible with sustaining salmon This effort will involve our educational institutions and other public and private organizations

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing the *For the Sake of the Salmon* initiative will require the sustained effort of people dedicated specifically to that task. This charter creates the *For the Sake of the Salmon* Conservation Council to manage the initiative and serve as a focus of accountability for the success of our mission.

The member states, tribes, federal government, local governments, private sector, public interest and community organizations commit to working together through the Council to maximize cooperation, coordination and effectiveness of our salmon effort.

Governing Body

For the Sake of the Salmon will be governed by the Conservation Council and an Executive Committee. By-laws will provide a decision-making structure that guarantees all members have a voice, no one group or government on the Council holds a controlling position and decisions can be made. Policies and recommendations developed by the Council become effective upon adoption by the Executive Committee.

Membership The Council shall be comprised of representatives of the member organizations.

Function The primary functions of the Conservation Council are

1. Serve as a forum to review public and private policies that affect salmon and develop recommendations as to how those policies can be modified and improved to contribute to the protection, restoration and maintenance of the salmon;
2. Propose incentive-based policies that encourage and reward stewardship,
3. Establish a system to monitor progress toward measurable salmon recovery objectives,
4. Develop biologically sound criteria to guide available funding into the most important protection and restoration projects first,
5. Report progress toward protecting and restoring salmon stocks and fisheries to the member states and tribes, Congress and the President, and
6. Reach out to other governments, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and individuals to urge their participation.

Executive Committee

Function The Executive Committee will oversee implementation of *For the Sake of the Salmon* policies and priorities. The committee will have final authority on the adoption of *For the Sake of the Salmon* policies, workplans and budgets.

Voting The Executive Committee will be comprised of seven groups with each group having one vote. The groups are (1) federal government, (2) state governments, (3) tribal governments, (4) local governments, (5) fishing industry (sport/commercial businesses and angler groups) (6) *For the Sake of the Salmon* industry (e.g., timber, agriculture, utilities, aluminum) and (7) conservation/environmental organizations. Each group will decide how their vote is cast. Adoption of a motion requires a three-fourths majority of members present and voting.

Funding

For the Sake of the Salmon will require financial support from federal, tribal, and state jurisdictions and other sources to maintain an executive director and small staff capable of carrying out the purposes of this initiative and approved directives of the Conservation Council.

For the Sake of the Salmon will seek support for protection, restoration and conservation projects from private, public and community resources.

We sign this charter because we all recognize salmon are important to our region and need our help. That help must include the strong involvement of local citizens and communities, with each local effort part of a comprehensive regional approach that ensures available resources are used efficiently and effectively - *For the Sake of the Salmon!*

RESOLUTION No. 35439

Become a charter member of For the Sake of the Salmon.
(Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the vital importance of Columbia and Willamette salmon runs to the economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the Portland Metropolitan Area, the State of Oregon, and the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the viability of many salmon runs is jeopardized by impacts proceeding from a wide variety of human activities; and

WHEREAS, all communities and institutions that generate such impacts should bear responsibility for minimizing them; and

WHEREAS, some adverse impacts of this nature can result from the normal urban activities of the City of Portland, situated as it is at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the City has already recognized its responsibility to contribute constructively to the challenge of salmon restoration through the Clean River Works program, an irrevocable long-term commitment to the near-elimination of combined sewage overflows into the Willamette River and Columbia Slough, and appeals to federal officials to resist attempts to weaken the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, *For the Sake of the Salmon* has begun to undertake a complementary set of initiatives, based on creative incentive programs and the dedicated efforts of broad-based citizen councils rather than mandatory regulation and control, in rural watersheds across the region; and

WHEREAS, the City has been invited to become a charter member of *For the Sake of the Salmon* with no associated obligation to provide funding for that organization and no loss of authority or policy-making prerogative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland, Oregon, that the City become a Charter Member of *For the Sake of the Salmon* and a signatory to its establishing Charter, attached hereto as Attachment A, at a ceremony scheduled on September 15, 1995.

Adopted by the Council SEP 06 1995

Commissioner Mike Lindberg
Jeff Golden
August 31, 1995

BARBARA CLARK
Auditor of the City of Portland
By *Britt Olson*
Deputy

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City Attorney		Kafoury	Kafoury ✓	
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City Engineer		Katz	Katz ✓	