

Whereas

Whereas, the Great Blue Heron is a majestic symbol of the City of Portland's efforts to restore, protect and sustain ecologically healthy habitats for fish and wildlife and for the enjoyment of citizens in Portland and throughout the region; and

Whereas, Great Blue Heron Week represents an opportunity for the City of Portland to recommit its efforts to the natural environment by celebrating past successes and future challenges; and

Whereas, the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan Update, Central City Plan, and Climate Action Plan creates the need to develop and implement a new generation of innovative green infrastructure programs; and

Whereas, the Portland harbor Superfund Process is reaching its final stages providing an unparalleled opportunity to restore the Willamette River to health and reconnect the community to the river; and

Whereas, the City of Portland is an active partner in The Intertwine Alliance, collaborating with more than 113 Alliance partners to create The Intertwine, a world-class system of Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas for the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region; and

Whereas, Portland area residents have engaged in an effort to better understand great blue herons and the health of our rivers and streams through a 6-year citizen science rookery monitoring project led by the Audubon Society of Portland that involved over 40 volunteers contributing nearly 600 hours and collected baseline information to help gauge heron health in the region; and

Whereas, the City of Portland is dedicated ensuring that all of its citizens have access to nature where they live, work and play;

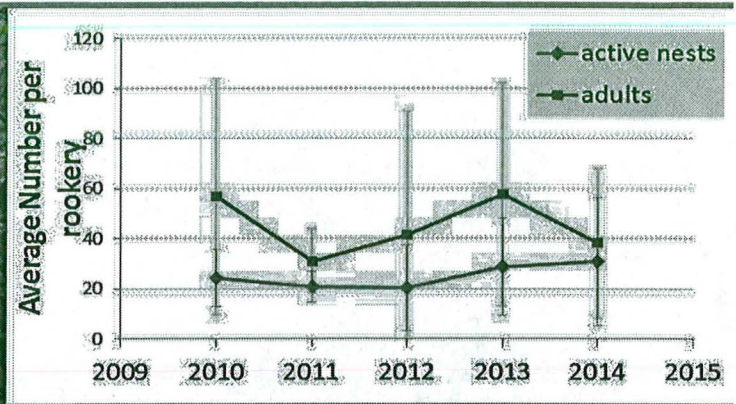
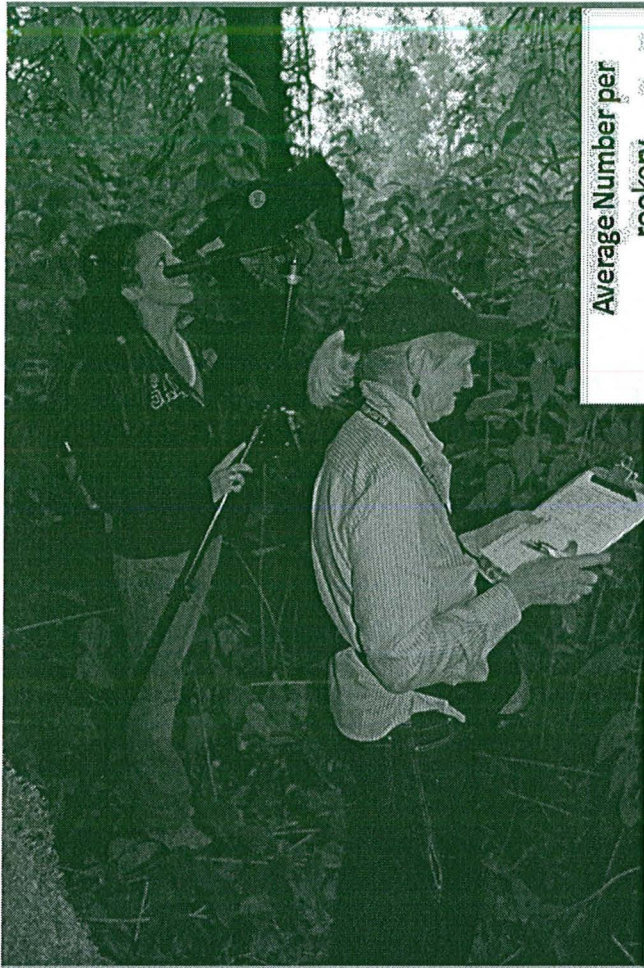
Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 27 – June 1, 2015 to be

28th Annual Great Blue Heron Week

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this week.

Charlie Hales





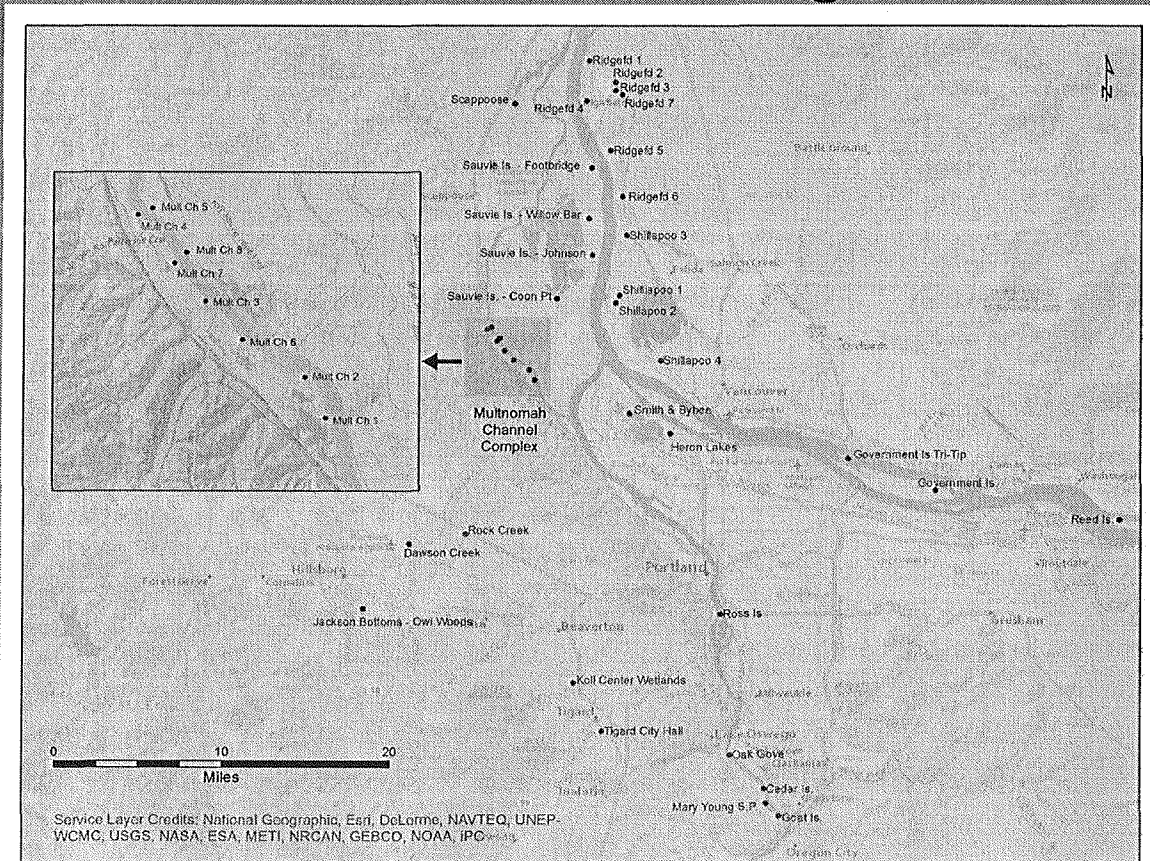


State of Portland's Great Blue Herons



Photo: Mike Houck

Audubon GBHE monitoring 2009-14



200 Poets to City Bird,
The Great Blue Heron

William Stafford

Spirit of Place

Out of their loneliness for each other
two reeds, or maybe two shadows, lurch
forward and become suddenly a life
lifted from down on the river. It is
the wilderness come back again, a lagoon
with our city reflected in its eye.

We live by faith in such presences.

It is a test for us, that thin
but real, unblinking figure that promises,
"If you keep faith I will exist
at the edge, where your vision joins
the twilight and the rain, head in the light,
feet that go down in the mud where the truth is."

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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)
MAY 27 2015

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		