

RESOLUTION NO

Declare support for the Lower Columbia Steelhead Restoration Initiative being launched by Governor John Kitzhaber and the participation of the City of Portland (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the quality of our life in Portland is directly related to our protection and stewardship of natural resources such as our land, earth, air and water,

WHEREAS, populations of Steelhead trout have declined significantly as the result of habitat loss, reductions in water quality, and fish harvest, among other things, until today many Steelhead populations are precarious and may be threatened with extinction,

WHEREAS, among the Steelhead trout being considered for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act are those whose natal streams drain into the Lower Columbia River, including the Willamette, Sandy and Bull Run rivers,

WHEREAS, the success of protection and restoration efforts for Steelhead trout and other at-risk fish is dependent on a partnership between federal, regional, state and local government agencies, the public and private sectors,

WHEREAS, in 1996 Governor John Kitzhaber created the Oregon Coastal Salmon Recovery Initiative which enlisted coordinated agency programs, community based action, monitoring and appropriate corrective measures with the full involvement and cooperation of local government citizens, and private industry sectors,

- WHEREAS, the Oregon Coastal Salmon Recovery Initiative was the first time the federal government has accepted a state-run restoration strategy as an alternative to Endangered Species listings for a species,
- WHEREAS, the states of Washington and Oregon are now working together to create a bi-state Steelhead trout conservation and restoration initiative for the in the lower Columbia basin,
- WHEREAS, Governor John Kitzhaber is in the process of creating a State Conservation Plan for Steelhead trout that is similar to his Coast Salmon Recovery Plan to address the recovery of weakened Steelhead trout and salmon stocks in the Lower Columbia River basin,
- WHEREAS, the Governor's efforts are predicated on the participation and support of regional governments, businesses and concerned citizens,
- WHEREAS, the City of Portland is the largest municipality within the Lower Columbia Basin and is in a position to assist in the Governor's Steelhead trout recovery efforts,
- WHEREAS, in particular, the Bureau of Water Works and the Bureau of Environmental Services are already taking steps to improve habitat and water quality in rivers flowing into the lower Columbia to the benefit of fish and are working to identify additional conservation and enhancement measures in which they can participate,
- WHEREAS, the City of Portland is committed to developing and nourishing a sustainable future for its community and wisely managing the resources upon which its environmental, social and economic health rely and which the activities of its citizens and City government can affect,

WHEREAS, The members of the Portland City Council share the Governor's values of a healthy environment and responsibility for the preservation of our natural resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland, Oregon


(1) that the City declares support for and its willingness to participate in Oregon's Lower Columbia Steelhead Restoration Initiative,

(2) that the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized and directed to oversee the development by the Bureaus of Water Works and Environmental Services of a City of Portland component for submission as part of the Governor's Lower Columbia Recovery efforts

Adopted by the Council SEP 24 1997

Commissioner Erik Sten
September 18 1997

Barbara Clark
Auditor of the City of Portland

By 
Deputy

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Agenda No

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Commissioner Erik Sten	Barbara Clark Auditor of the City of Portland
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Safety	
Utilities Commissioner Erik Sten	
Works <u>E. Sten</u>	ACTION TAKEN
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Bureau COMMISSIONER STEN	
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NOTED BY		Hales	Hales	✓	
City Attorney		Kafoury	Kafoury	✓	
City Auditor		Sten	Sten	✓	
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	✓	