

BEFORE THE CITY OF CANNON BEACH

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 08-12
NEED FOR MARINE RESERVES IN OREGON'S)
TERRITORIAL SEA AND SUPPORTS THE)
DIRECTION OF GOVERNOR KULONGOSKI)
TO THE OCEAN POLICY ADVISORY)
COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON)
APPROPRIATE SITES FOR MARINE)
RESERVES.

WHEREAS, Marine Reserves are a proven management tool that can help ensure the health of Oregon's ocean for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Marine Reserves are the *only* management tool that protects entire ecosystems and the large, old, female fish that are so productive; and

WHEREAS, the science of marine reserves shows that they accomplish "two things that conventional management cannot do" namely:

1. Marine Reserves protect habitat by closing an area to gear impacts
2. Marine Reserves maintain the old growth age structure that ultimately produce more, high quality young than younger females;

WHEREAS, after nearly two years of study, in August 2002, the "Ocean Policy Advisory Council Guidance Document finds that sufficient evidence exists to RECOMMEND that:

- a. Oregon establish a limited [network] of Marine Reserves and [marine protected areas] in order to test and evaluate their effectiveness in meeting marine resource conservation objectives; and
- b. before designating any specific marine reserves, Oregon must acquire additional information and conduct [ongoing monitoring and enforcement], analysis, and deliberation through an open, public process with extensive stakeholder involvement;" and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Policy Advisory Council Guidance Document also said that "The goal of such a system and process is to help Oregon meet the conservation objectives of Statewide Planning Goal 19, Ocean Resources, which include maintaining the long-term benefits of renewable marine resources and protecting marine biodiversity, important marine habitats, and areas important to marine fisheries;" and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2007, the Governor's Office hosted a Marine Reserves Process Coordination Meeting, which resulted in the following:

"Based on OPAC discussions, he [The Governor] believes the *goal* of Marine Reserves (no-take areas) should be for *preserving our ocean heritage for future generations*.

This goal means two things: One, establishing reserves [and protected areas] to *permanently protect the habitat and biodiversity* of specific places in Oregon's Territorial Sea; and two, establishing more than one reserve for each of the major types of bottom habitat in our Territorial Sea;" and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2007, the Governor stated he was “encouraging OPAC to limit its recommendation for reserves to less than 10 reserve sites that are large enough to provide for scientific testing the ecological benefits they might produce, but small enough to avoid economic or social impacts, such as loss of significant fishing opportunities;” and

WHEREAS, the health of the Pacific Ocean is directly tied to Cannon Beach’s environment, economy and public health; and

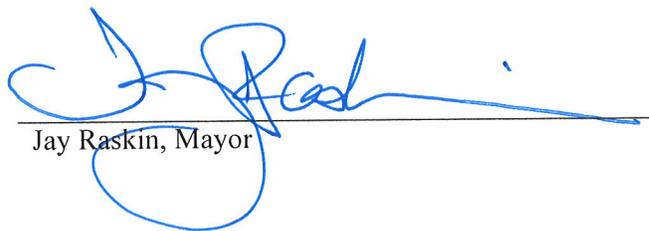
WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Beach recognizes the value of the unique and complex habitats in the nearshore waters, the biological diversity contained in these ecosystems and the important function that they serve the citizens of coastal communities and all Oregonians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Cannon Beach hereby recognizes the need for Marine Reserves in Oregon’s Territorial Sea, and supports the direction of Governor Kulongoski to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council to provide advice on appropriate sites for Marine Reserves provided they follow these guidelines:

1. Recommend less than 10 sites for no-take marine reserves;
2. Recommend sites that will demonstrate avoidance of negative economic or social impacts;
3. Recommend sites that will avoid the loss of significant fishing opportunities;
4. Sites will not be implemented by agencies until funding is identified for the required monitoring, enforcement, and scientific research; and
5. These designations must benefit, not disrupt, existing economic and recreational uses of the ocean.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Cannon Beach this 5th day of August, 2008 by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Steidel, Giasson, Arnold, Cadwallader and Raskin
NAYS: None
EXCUSED: None



Jay Raskin, Mayor

Attest:

Rich Mays, City Manager