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RESOLUTION NO. 125-10

AMENDED
ESTABLISHING THE WAHKIAKUM COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

THE WAHKIAKUM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS find as follows:

1. The Wahkiakum County Commissioners recognize that the marine waters of the Columbia River Estuary and the outer coast of the Pacific Ocean represent an unparalleled resource of important environmental and economic value to the people of the region, and the county, state, and federal governments for now and future generations.
2. The Board wishes to actively promote local conservation, restoration, and improved understanding of the County's marine resources by supporting research and education about these waters.
3. The Washington State Legislature adopted Chapter 36.125 of the Revised Code of Washington to allow counties to establish Marine Resources Committees to provide an ecosystem focus on the responsible use of marine resources within Washington State's Pacific Coastline and to help mobilize science to focus on key priorities.
4. An Exploratory Marine Resources Committee studied the formation of a Marine Resources Committee in Wahkiakum County, including outlining a vision and developing work plans for projects, and has issued a positive recommendation for its formation.
6. The Board desires to preserve the local marine environment and contribute to the overall preservation of the marine environment of Washington State's Pacific Coastline by forming a Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee pursuant to Chapter 36.125 RCW.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners in consideration of the above findings of fact:

A. Marine Resource Committee Established.

There is hereby established a Wahkiakum County Marine Resources Committee, the mission of which is to address local marine issues; recommend remedial actions to local, state, tribal, and federal authorities; and build local awareness of the issues and support for remedies consistent with the interim "Benchmarks of Performance" as adopted by the Coastal MRC Work Group on January 7, 2009.

B. Powers and Duties.

The Marine Resource Committee shall:

1. Inform the Board of County Commissioners about research, education, and legislation advisable for the protection and restoration of the marine resources of the County,
2. Promote specific projects to achieve the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the marine resources of the County.
3. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about efforts that should be developed or encouraged to promote conservation, protection, and restoration of marine habitats and resources,
4. Help assess marine resources problems and any potential need for measures in concert with governmental, nongovernmental, tribal, recreational, and commercial interests.
5. Help identify implications, needs, and strategies associated with sustaining marine and estuarine species in and around the County.
6. Coordinate activities with the State Ocean Caucus and the Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Ecology to promote the recommendations of the Washington Ocean Action Plan.
7. Reach out to the public and other key constituents on the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources.
8. Report annually to the Board of County Commissioners on its activities and recommendations.

C. Membership.

Pursuant to RCW 36.125.020, the commission will select up to thirteen (13) members of the marine resources committee, ensuring balanced representation from:

- (a) Local government
- (b) Local residents
- (c) Scientific experts
- (d) Affected economic interests
- (e) Affected recreational interests
- (f) Environmental and conservation interests.

At least six seats shall be occupied by residents of Wahkiakum County. The Town of Cathlamet, Wahkiakum County Port District #1, and Wahkiakum County Port District #2 shall each have one seat.

Members shall serve staggered two-year terms.

D. Bylaws.

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3 The first duties of the membership of the Marine Resource Committee shall be to select a chair
4 from among the voting membership and to draft and adopt bylaws for the governance of the
Committee, which bylaws shall not be inconsistent with the provisions herein.

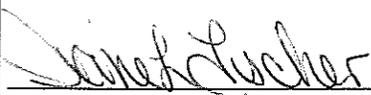
5 **E. Adopted and Codified.**

6 This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall be codified as RCWC Chapter
7 2.150.

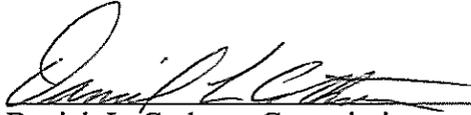
8 **DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 27th day of September, 2010.

9 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
10 **OF WAHKIAKUM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

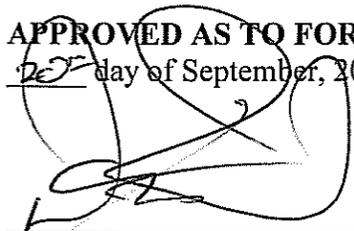
11 **ATTEST:**

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14 Marsha LaFarge Diane K. Tischer, Acting
Clerk of the Board

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13 Blair H. Brady, Chairman

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15 Daniel L. Cothren, Commissioner

16 **APPROVED AS TO FORM** this
17 27 day of September, 2010:

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19 Daniel H. Bigelow
Prosecuting Attorney

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18 Lisa M. Marsyla, Commissioner