RESOLUTION NO. 8 - 2004

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SAN JUAN COUNTY AS A VOLUNTARY MARINE STEWARDSHIP AREA

WHEREAS the defining characteristic of San Juan County is the natural marine environment and rural island ambiance; and

WHEREAS it is beneficial to tribes, residents and visitors alike to protect and preserve said natural marine environment; and

WHEREAS historic tribal and cultural practices are dependent on the protection and preservation of said environment, and

WHEREAS much of the local economy is dependent on the protection and preservation of said environment; and

WHEREAS bio-diversity, and water quality are important characteristics of said environment; and

WHEREAS sustainability of harvest for all people, both commercial and sports fishers, has substantial economic value to the county; and

WHEREAS natural maritime outdoor recreation(s) such as kayaking, whale watching, sailing and cruising have substantial economic value to the county and will benefit from conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS the State has already declared the county a preserve relating to Marine Biological Materials (RCW 28B.20.320); and

WHEREAS the County is home to 82 National Wildlife Refuges; and

WHEREAS the County contains habitat important to threatened and endangered species of wild salmon, rockfish and other marine species; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates San Juan County, State of Washington, as a Voluntary Marine Stewardship Area in accordance with Executive Order 13158 in order to facilitate the protection and preservation of our natural marine environment for the tribes and other historic users, current and future residents, and visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marine Resources Committee shall undertake a formal study of unique areas of the county and shall recommend to the Board of County Commissioners those measures necessary to further the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marine Resources Committee shall update the Board of County Commissioners, one year from the effective date of this Resolution, on the progress of the above mentioned Formal Study; and

[Signature]

[Date]
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marine Resources shall deliver to the Board of County Commissioners, 2 years from the effective date of this Resolution, the results of the Formal Study and the Detailed Recommendations related thereto.

Adopted this 27th day of January 2004.

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