

| CLEARANCES             | Initial | Date | Date Received in Council Office: | Agenda date | Assigned to: |
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| Originator: Island Co. |         | 9/27 |                                  | 10/4/94     | Council      |
| Division Head:         |         |      |                                  |             |              |
| Dept. Head:            |         |      |                                  |             |              |
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| Executive:             |         |      |                                  |             |              |

**SUBJECT:**

Resolution approving of a multi-county resolution regarding the proposed National Marine Sanctuary for Northern Puget Sound

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution + letter from Island County (Exhibit A to the resolution)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

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| Related County contract #: | Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / / Requested date: |
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Island County Commissioners are asking the Skagit County Commissioners, the San Juan County Commissioners and the Whatcom County Council to join them in opposing the designation of Northern Puget Sound as an Estuary of National Significance and also opposing the establishment of a National Marine Sanctuary in Northern Puget Sound.

If the Council passes this resolution Council Members will be asked to sign the multi-jurisdictional resolution attached as Exhibit A and return it to Island County.

**CLERK'S RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):**

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

10/4/94: Council approved the resolution 5-2 with Harris and Henderson opposed.

*Related File Numbers:*

*Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):*

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RESOLUTION NO. 94-049  
APPROVING OF A MULTI-COUNTY RESOLUTION REGARDING  
THE PROPOSED NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY FOR  
NORTHERN PUGET SOUND

WHEREAS, Commissioners and Council representatives of Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom counties met in September to discuss the proposal to create a National Marine Sanctuary in Northern Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, representatives of those governmental entities indicated that they view the Sanctuary proposal as unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, Island County's Board of Commissioners proposed that Commissioners and Councils of San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom counties join with them in passing a resolution opposing the dual federal designation of Northern Puget Sound as both an Estuary of National Significance and as a National Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, such a multi-jurisdictional resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A to this resolution;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that it supports the proposed multi-jurisdictional resolution, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution; and

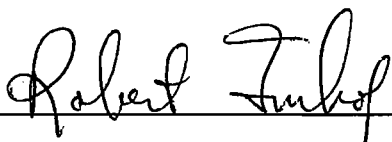
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this Whatcom County

1 Council resolution, Council Members will sign the resolution attached as Exhibit A and  
2 forward the original Exhibit to the Island County Board of Commissioners' offices.

3 APPROVED this 4th day of Oct., 1994.

4 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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8 Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk

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8 Robert Imhof, Chair

8 APPROVED as to form:

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10 Civil Deputy Pros. Atty.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
CLALLAM, ISLAND, JEFFERSON, SAN JUAN, SKAGIT & WHATCOM COUNTIES**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED )  
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY FOR )                   **RESOLUTION NO.**  
NORTHERN PUGET SOUND            )  
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**WHEREAS**, Congress has provided that Northern Puget Sound will be considered for National Marine Sanctuary status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce, through the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and in cooperation with the State of Washington is considering both the scope and the advisability of establishing said Marine Sanctuary; and

**WHEREAS**, certain counties may be included wholly or in part in said sanctuary; and

**WHEREAS**, affected counties have an obligation to provide reasoned input to proposals that may affect the citizens of those counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Marine Sanctuary proposal has the potential to affect both the operations of the counties and the lives of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has designated Puget Sound as an Estuary of National Significance and has adopted the Puget Sound Plan as the management plan for that estuary; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the legislative authorities of the following counties:

**CLALLAM, ISLAND, JEFFERSON, SAN JUAN, SKAGIT & WHATCOM**

do go on record as opposing the dual federal designation of Northern Puget Sound as both an Estuary of National Significance and as a National Marine Sanctuary; and

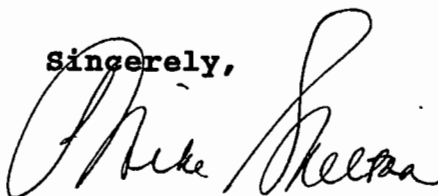
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

Notwithstanding the preceding resolve, counties should be fully included in any planning and decision making that may result in the designation of a National Marine Sanctuary and in any planning and implementation of any regulations that may be created as an outcome of such designation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

If you would provide us with an original of your adopted resolution, we will combine them, furnish you with a copy of the completed document, and forward an original to Terry Husseman.

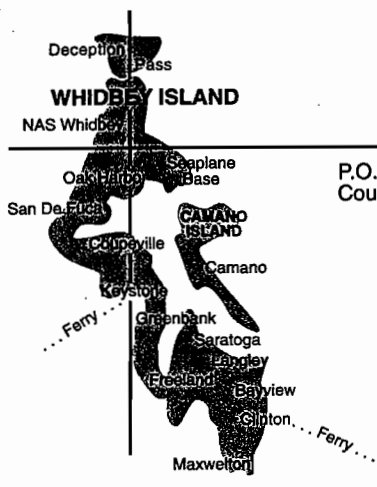
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Shelton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mike Shelton, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Island County, Washington

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Attachments  
cc: WSAC

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Exhibit A to  
Resolution 94-049



# Island County Board of Commissioners

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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

**TO:** CHAIR, BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIR, BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIR, BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIR, BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIR, WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 20, 1994

**RE:** PROPOSED NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Commissioners/Council representatives of Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom Counties met today with Terry Husseman, Deputy Director, Department of Ecology, to discuss the proposal to create a National Marine Sanctuary in Northern Puget Sound. While each elected official present expressed reservations about or opposition to the formation of the Sanctuary, it was apparent that the process will move forward.

While we feel it very important for local government to be a significant player in the process, we do not want the decision makers to lose sight of the fact that we view it as an unnecessary redundancy.

We anticipate that Ecology will convene a "Focus Group" of county and city officials and will pursue the tasks outlined on the attached "Draft Local Government Involvement Strategy".

For your information, a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Washington and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration signed July 15, 1994 is also attached.

The Island County Board of Commissioners intends to adopt the attached resolution at an early public hearing. We believe it important for each of the affected counties to do likewise. This will provide important documentation to be included in any package created by Ecology for the use of the Governor.

Any Department of Commerce/NOAA program that might emanate from a National Marine Sanctuary designation should be limited to the implementation of the Puget Sound Plan; and

It is requested that the Washington State Association of Counties adopt a similar resolution in support of the Counties potentially affected by a National Marine Sanctuary.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLALLAM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Lawrence Gaydeski, Chairman

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Dorothy Duncan, Member

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David A. Cameron, Member

**ATTEST:**

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Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Mike Shelton, Chairman

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Wm. L. "Mac" McDowell, Member

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Dwain Colby, Member

**ATTEST:**

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Art Hyland, Auditor &  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Robert H. Hinton, Chairman

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Glen Huntingford, Member

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Richard Wojt, Member

**ATTEST:**

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Thomas C. Starr, Chairman

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John B. Evans, Member

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Thomas Cowan, Member

**ATTEST:**

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

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Robert R. Hart, Member

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Robby Robinson, Member

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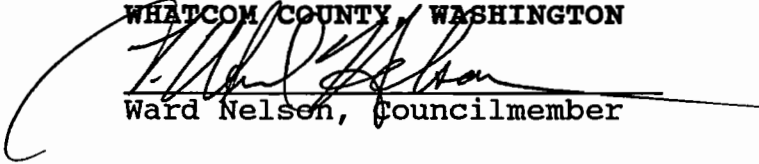
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Sanctuary for Puget Sound

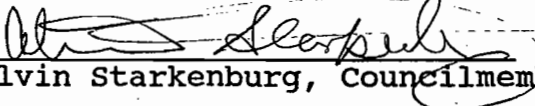
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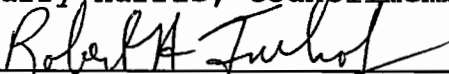
COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

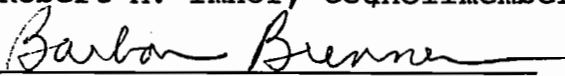
  
Ward Nelsen, Councilmember

Ken Henderson, Councilmember

  
Alvin Starckenburg, Councilmember


Larry Harris, Councilmember

  
Robert A. Imhof, Councilmember

  
Barbara Brenner, Councilmember

ATTEST:

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Marlene Dawson, Councilmember