

**RESOLUTION NO. 3558**

**CITY OF NEWPORT**

**SUPPORTING NEWPORT FISHING FAMILIES  
FISHING IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF ALASKA**

**Whereas**, through the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act the management, oversight, regulatory control, and policy development of fisheries within the North Pacific is provided by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC), and

**Whereas**, resident individuals and resident families of Newport, Oregon who fish commercially in federal waters of the North Pacific have a vested interest in decisions made by the North Pacific Management Council, and

**Whereas**, Newport residents fishing king crab and snow crab in the federal waters off Alaska have duly earned their federal fishing licenses (ITQs) in accordance with the eligibility standards mandated by the NPFMC and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and

**Whereas**, the NPFMC, at its December 2010 meeting, put Newport resident crab fishermen in grave danger of surrendering an, as yet, unspecified amount of their annual crab income from the federal waters off Alaska, and

**Whereas**, Oregon's voting member on the NPFMC, Roy Hyder of Madras, has expressed his concern in writing to Newport-resident fishing families that the NPFMC's Alaska-majority may soon reduce Newport-residents' share of the BASI annual crab income from the federal waters off Alaska as soon as 2012, and

**Whereas**, the State of Oregon has only one of eleven voting memberships on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, while Alaska enjoys six and Washington State three.

**The City of Newport resolves as follows:**

1. Oregon's Congressional Delegation be asked to advocate changes to the Magnuson Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, before December 31, 2011, in order to add two at-large voting memberships for Oregon, specifically to protect Oregon fishing families' annual income from unfair partisan conduct by the Alaskan majority at the NPFMC.
2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.