

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-100

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK SUPPORTING HR 192 (WOOLSEY) THE GULF OF THE FARALLONES AND CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AND PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, February 8, 2005, the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park adopted Resolution No. 2005-32 supporting HR 5352 (Woolsey), the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has been asked to support the expansion of the protected boundy area (HR 192); and

WHEREAS, HR 192 would adjust the boundary of our two existing sanctuaries north and westward to protect the Sonoma and southern Mendocino Coast's natural beauty and significant bio-diversity. This adjustment will take the sanctuaries into deeper water making it more difficult to extract oil from the ocean floor; and

WHEREAS, the National Marine Sanctuaries are only designated in areas that have special biological significance. The Sonoma Coast is one of the most biologically productive regions in the world. These waters will protect the California Upwelling Ecosystem, one of only four major coastal upwelling systems on our planet, the only such system in the U.S., comprising only 1 percent of the ocean but producing 20 percent of the world's fish, critical passages for endangered salmon and steelhead, essential haulouts for seals and sea lions, and prolific nurseries for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of aquatic species; and

WHEREAS, HR 192 does not add any additional regulations to fishing. That will be left to the State of California, which has jurisdiction in state waters, and to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, which already has federal jurisdiction; and

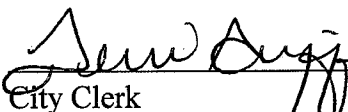
WHEREAS, by protecting the Sonoma and southern Mendocino coast and estuaries, HR 192 will protect the Bodega Marine Laboratory investment in marine research, jobs that are dependent on a tourist economy, and sports fishing. And, because the Bill will protect fish habitat, it will protect the livelihoods of commercial fishermen.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park supports the passage of HR 192 legislation that will preserve our Sonoma County coastal and estuary properties.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 25th day of October, 2011.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK


City Clerk




Mayor

AHANOTU: <u>AYE</u>	CALLINAN: <u>ABSENT</u>	MACKENZIE: <u>AYE</u>	STAFFORD: <u>AYE</u>	BELFORTE: <u>AYE</u>
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