

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND

PROMOTING LOCAL WILD SALMON

WHEREAS, *wholesale and retail sale of locally harvested wild salmon products help support San Mateo County commercial fishermen, local and regional economies, and contribute to San Mateo County's reputation as a source of fresh, locally produced goods, and;*

WHEREAS, *local fishermen, together with those throughout California, have worked for decades to rebuild wild salmon populations and to restore their habitat through efforts such as the successful Salmon Stamp Program, hands on watershed restoration, and litigation aimed at ensuring adequate in-stream water flows, and;*

WHEREAS, *the marketing and consumption of farmed salmon, predominantly imported from outside the United States, have risen steadily in California and across the US, and;*

WHEREAS, *the increase of marketing and production of farmed salmon has contributed to a decline in the price of wild salmon products, and the displacement of traditional fisheries, resulting in severe economic hardship to commercial fishermen, and;*

WHEREAS, *salmon farming practices have led to a host of environmental problems, including ocean-bottom pollution, the escape of farmed fish into the wild, the spread of disease to wild stocks and potential hazards from the use of high dosage of antibiotics in aquaculture, and;*

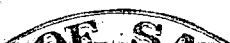
WHEREAS, *wild Pacific salmon are harvested and managed pursuant to regulations that ensure a sustainable resource and these wild salmon are known to contain high levels of omega-3 fatty acids that are beneficial to human health, and;*

WHEREAS, *wild salmon fishermen and women and the businesses, restaurants and hotels who promote consumption of wild salmon strengthen our local economy, enhance the regional character of San Mateo and protect the environment through sustainable fishing practices;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County calls upon local merchants and consumers to support the use of California troll-caught King and other wild Pacific salmon, and recognizes the contributions of local wild salmon fishermen and women for utilizing sustainable fishing practices on our coast.

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