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COUNTY CLERK THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON  
BY *Alma Rubio*

RESOLUTION 94-4-5-11

) IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION  
) OF A RESOLUTION RELATING TO  
) THE 1994 SEASON AND THE OCEAN  
) SALMON FISHING INDUSTRY AND  
) AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, before the Lane County Board of Commissioners is the matter of the adoption of a resolution relating to the 1994 season and the ocean salmon fishing industry and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent to the Board that the ocean salmon fishing industry has been, is, and should continue to be an important economic and cultural component of our coast communities; and

WHEREAS, adverse oceanic conditions associated with El Nino have significantly reduced survival of certain critical stocks of salmon that are in our adjacent ocean waters, in estuaries and in freshwater; and

WHEREAS, drought and other environmental factors have compounded the effects of an adverse ocean for some stocks of salmon; and

WHEREAS, the survival of several stocks of salmon that are critically important to our fishing industries and communities has continued to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS, state and federal fishery management entities have relied on reduced ocean recreational and commercial harvest of salmon to provide an opportunity for escapement of adults for natural reproduction; and

WHEREAS, harvest restrictions for the 1994 ocean salmon seasons for recreational and commercial fishermen provide for little or no sport or troll fisheries along the Oregon coast; and

WHEREAS, fishery resource management regulations substantially affect the fishing industry and local coastal communities in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 1994 ocean recreational fishing season is expected to generate \$800,000 to \$1,500,000 in coastal income as compared to the 1976-1992 average of \$12,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 1994 ocean commercial fishing season is expected to generate \$2,000,000 in coastal income as compared to the 1976-1992 average of \$22,500,000; and

WHEREAS, for the coastal Lane County, Reedsport and Coos Bay area, ocean sport generated income will be \$0-104,000 compared to the 1976-92 average of \$3,515,000 and ocean commercial generated income will be \$0-412,000 compared to the 1976 average of \$9,582,000; and

WHEREAS, this dramatic decline in personal income contributed by the ocean sport and commercial salmon fisheries constitutes a disaster to affected fishermen and to dependent industries and communities in Lane County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners urges immediate action by the State of Oregon and by the Federal Government to provide emergency assistance to those so immediately and devastatingly affected along the Oregon coast and in Lane County; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Oregon and the Federal Government promptly make available the full range of disaster programs and other forms of assistance and adjustment programs that are needed to meet this compelling situation.

DATED this 5th day of April, 1994.

  
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Chair, Board of County Commissioners