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COUNTY IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY OREGON  
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ORDER 97-5-28-2 ) IN THE MATTER OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE  
) SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, healthy watersheds produce and maintain clean water and support anadromous fish populations which are of local, state and national concern and economic importance and provide other tangible and intangible benefits to the citizens and visitors of Lane County; and

WHEREAS, commercial and sport fishing and the businesses they support are economically and culturally important to Lane County and help diversify and strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, the coastal watersheds of Lane County have been altered and are not providing the benefits that healthy watersheds can provide; and

WHEREAS, citizens and resource management agencies of this portion of the county realize the importance of enhancing watersheds and recognize the need to restore communication, cooperation, and trust among citizens and agencies of the area to realize these common aims, and have formed the Siuslaw Watershed Council to assure such goals are accomplished; and

WHEREAS, watershed councils are forming throughout the state with a focus on the recovery of native salmon runs, and are seen as vital groups by the National Marine Fisheries Service, the State of Oregon, and other regional coordinating groups; and

WHEREAS, partners in the Siuslaw Watershed Council have been participating in coordinated work for the past two years, fostering cooperation among citizens, communities and agencies, and have received funding for projects and for coordinator positions; and

WHEREAS, the Siuslaw Watershed Council requests official recognition from the Board of County Commissioners, having presented their organizational structure and bylaws to the Lane Council of Governments Board, according to the process outlined in Lane Manual; and

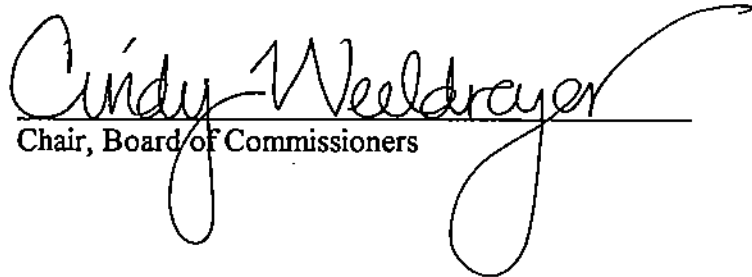
WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments Board found that the group is comprised of a balance of interested and affected stakeholders in the watershed, and that the group will be able to sustain a high level of citizen involvement in the development and implementation of a watershed action program; and

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments Board unanimously recommends official recognition of the Siuslaw Watershed Council;

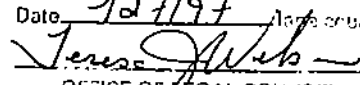
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes the Siuslaw Watershed Council as outlined in the attached bylaws; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Siuslaw Watershed Council shall seek monetary and staff resources through partnerships or grants, and will periodically report on their activities to the Board, not less often than once a year.

  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1997.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 5/27/97 Lane County  
  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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