

RESOLUTION NO. 192

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor supporting the Americanization of the Fishery Conservation Zone.

WHEREAS the fishery off the North Pacific waters is greater than that of the rest of the United States combined, and this resource is tremendously important to the long-range future of Puget Sound and the West Coast; and

WHEREAS Americanization of the fishery will benefit coastal cities in Washington by providing jobs for fishermen, processing workers, transporters, ship-building and repair workers, and transporters on a continuing basis; and

WHEREAS there exists an excellent opportunity for American fishermen and processors to benefit from the more than 4 billion pounds of fish currently being taken by foreign fishing interests within America's 200-mile zone; and

WHEREAS Americanization of the fishery will increase American participation in the fishing and processing industries, provide employment opportunities for Americans, stimulate economic growth and foster economic stability in coastal cities, and generate tax revenue for Washington municipalities and the United States Government; and

WHEREAS a planned phase-out of foreign fishing and foreign processing in U.S. waters is crucial to enable the American fishing and processing industries to provide for an orderly transfer of the fishery to our domestic interests; and

WHEREAS establishing a time certain for phasing-out of foreign fishing interests will encourage the financial community to support capitalization of the American fishery;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gig Harbor City Council supports the phasing out of all foreign fishing in American waters as early as 1988 and no later than 1995; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sales of American-harvested fish to foreign floating processors be limited.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Gig Harbor City Council this 14th day of October, 1985.


Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor