

**CITY OF COSMOPOLIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

A RESOLUTION of the City of Cosmopolis, Washington, continuing its support for a Chehalis River Basin-Wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration.

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 and 2016, the City of Cosmopolis, like many other jurisdictions in the Chehalis River Basin, adopted local resolutions in support of a Basin-Wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration as developed through the Chehalis Basin process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cosmopolis foresees a future through the Chehalis Basin process where our families and communities are protected from the worst of the periodic catastrophic floods that hit our Basin and a future where habitat restoration projects have turned a declining fishery into a vibrant fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 21, 2020, the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority stated its support for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District's proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and view that the institutional governance capacity existed in the Basin to identify and implement sufficient "technically feasible and economically practicable" mitigation as required (see "Final CRBFA Letter re DEIS" in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority's Local Resolutions Library); and

**WHEREAS**, the Flood Authority's position on the District's proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project is consistent with previous positions and statements supporting balanced, Basin-Wide solutions for flooding and aquatic species restoration made by the City of Cosmopolis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Ecology's Draft Environmental Impact Statement shows the District's proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project will deliver significant reductions in catastrophic levels of flooding for Basin communities and provide substantial reductions in impact and flood inundation for thousands of structures, including homes, schools, churches, small businesses, state highways and I-5, provided impacts are acceptably mitigated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, Office of Chehalis Basin, Chehalis Basin Board, Chehalis Basin Flood Control Zone District, and Chehalis Basin Strategy together provide a well-structured governance and funding framework that has delivered much positive "flood" and "fish" benefit to the Basin since the catastrophic floods of 2007 and 2009, **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSMOPOLIS, WASHINGTON, IN REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** To support and offer the continued participation of the City of Cosmopolis in the integrated process of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, Office of Chehalis Basin, Chehalis Basin Board, Chehalis Basin Flood Control Zone District, and Chehalis Basin Strategy as the best way to deliver the most beneficial combination of flood protection and aquatic species enhancement that all Basin citizens, stakeholders, and “flood” and “fish” interests deserve.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Cosmopolis, Washington, and **APPROVED** by its Mayor, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



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Kyle Pauley – Mayor

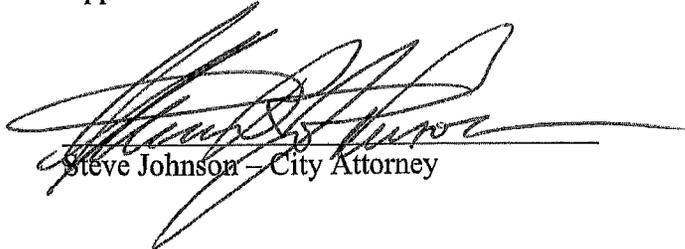
Attest:



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Julie Pope – Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form and content:



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Steve Johnson – City Attorney