

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-054

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY CONTINUING ITS SUPPORT FOR A
BASIN-WIDE SOLUTION TO FLOODING AND AQUATIC SPECIES
RESTORATION.**

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2016 Grays Harbor County, like many other jurisdictions in the Basin, adopted local resolutions in support of a Basin-wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration as developed through the Chehalis Basin process (see “Grays Harbor County 2016-129” in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority’s Local Resolutions Library below).

WHEREAS, Grays Harbor County 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.

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 below).

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 Grays Harbor County.

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.

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 HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Grays Harbor County, that Grays Harbor County regards its support for, and continued participation in, the integrated processes of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, Office of Chehalis Basin, Chehalis Basin Board, Chehalis Basin Flood Control Zone District, and Chehalis

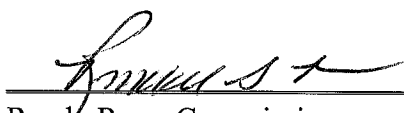
Basin Strategy as being the best way to deliver the most beneficial combination of flood protection and aquatic species enhancement all Basin citizens, stakeholders, and “flood” and “fish” interests deserve.

ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2020.

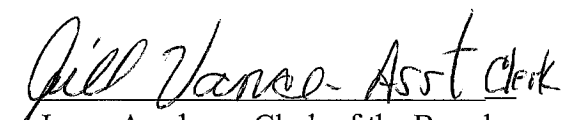
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Vickie L. Raines, Chair

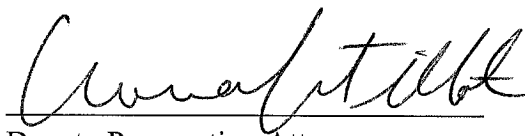

Wes Cormier, Commissioner


Randy Ross, Commissioner

Attest:


Jenna Amsbury, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney