

BEFORE THE TOWN OF PE ELL CITY COUNCIL

Resolution recommending to the Governor’s Chehalis) RESOLUTION NO. 232
Basin Work Group and State Department of Ecology that)
Alternative 1 should be implemented as the long-term)
strategy for reducing flood damage and restoration)
aquatic species habitat in the Chehalis Basin.)

Whereas, the Chehalis River Basin, the second largest watershed in Washington State, suffers from the dual problems of catastrophic flooding and significant degradation of aquatic species; and

Whereas, climate change projections forecast drier, hotter summers and more intense winter storms with disastrous consequences for the basin’s fishery and for the families and communities across the basin and for the state’s transportation system from a 60 percent increase in the level of extreme floods in the coming decades; and

Whereas, the Department of Ecology has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) that evaluates a combination of actions to reduce flood damage and restore aquatic species habitat; and

Whereas “no action” is totally unacceptable for aquatic species, for basin residents and for the state of Washington; and

Whereas, the Governor’s Chehalis Basin Work Group has been tasked by the Governor to make recommendations for a long-term strategy to reduce flood damage and restore aquatic species habitat; and

Whereas Alternative 1 in the PEIS provides significant reductions in flood damage from the combination of a dam, flood proofing structures, improvements to land use management and local projects; and

Whereas Alternative 1 will include a range of habitat restoration actions that will significantly increase salmon populations as well as improve or maintain populations of other native aquatic species; and

Whereas the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Authority comprised of appointed representatives from the following basin cities and counties: Aberdeen, Cosmopolis, Oakville, Montesano, Grays Harbor, Bucoda, Thurston County, Centralia, Chehalis, Napavine, Pe Ell and Lewis County, voted unanimously to recommend Alternative 1.

Whereas the Town of Pe Ell would like to see a reservoir and recreational area behind the dam for boating, camping and fishing, which could create new businesses in Town and potentially increase the Town's revenue for years to come.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Town of Pe Ell hereby recommends to the Governor’s Chehalis Basin Work Group and State Department of Ecology, that Alternative 1 should be implemented as the

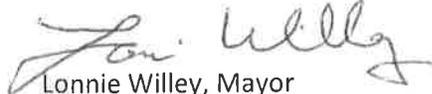
long-term strategy for reducing flood damage and restoration aquatic species habitat in the Chehalis River Basin.

Be it Further Resolved that the Town of Pe Ell supports including in the next state biennium 2017-19 budget, significant funding to advance the immediate and long-term actions outlined in Alternative 1.

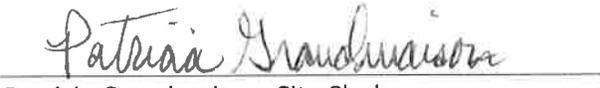
PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION by the City Council, this 15th day of November, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney, Allen C. Unzleman


Lonnie Willey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia Grandmaison, City Clerk