

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING THE WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA) 9 SALMON HABITAT PLAN, "MAKING OUR WATERSHED FIT FOR A KING"**

**WHEREAS**, in March 1999, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries listed the Puget Sound Chinook salmon evolutionary significant unit as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); and

**WHEREAS**, in November 1999, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed the Puget Sound bull trout distinct population segment as a threatened species under the ESA; and

**WHEREAS**, significant areas of the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9, are designated by the federal government as critical salmon habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination and cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, businesses, non-governmental organizations, landowners, citizens, and other interests are essential to plan for and implement a salmon recovery plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the (City/County) supports cooperation at the WRIA level to set common priorities for actions among partners, efficient use of resources and investments, and distribution of responsibility for actions and expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, 17 local governments in WRIA 9 entered into an inter-local agreement in 2001 to jointly fund development of the *Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, Making our Watershed Fit for a King*, published August 10, 2005; and

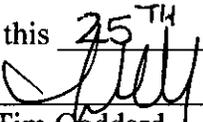
**WHEREAS**, the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, developed by a steering committee comprised of multiple interests, includes a wide variety of actions that focus on habitat recovery for Chinook salmon, bull trout, and other salmonids for the next 10 years and prioritizes them to guide efforts to recover the Green River Chinook salmon population; and

**WHEREAS**, the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan is based upon a sound scientific foundation, and includes an adaptive management approach and funding strategy for implementation; now, therefore,

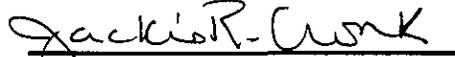
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, as follows:

**Section 1.** The City hereby ratifies the *Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, Making our Watershed Fit for a King*, dated August 2005.

**PASSED** in open and regular session this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2005.

  
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Mayor Tim Goddard

ATTESTED:

  
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Jackie R. Cronk, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Duncan C. Wilson, City Attorney