

1 [Support federal funding to restore Klamath River Salmon.]

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3 **Resolution in support of federal funding to restore Klamath River Salmon disaster relief**
4 **for California’s salmon fishery industry.**

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6 WHEREAS, California’s commercial, recreational and tribal salmon fisheries are valued
7 in the hundreds of millions of dollars and, in addition to their economic worth, provide
8 intangible value for Californians including for employment, recreation, food source, and native
9 cultural and ceremonial purposes; and

10 WHEREAS, The salmon populations of the Klamath River are important to the Yurok,
11 Hupa and Karuk peoples, whose ancestral lands are found within the Klamath Basin, and to
12 recreational fisheries along the river as well as ocean salmon fisheries from Monterey Bay to
13 the Columbia River; and

14 WHEREAS, Klamath salmon stocks have suffered steep declines beginning in 2002,
15 unrelated to fishing, as a result of a parasitic infestation and other conditions within the river
16 that have resulted in massive fish deaths affecting both juvenile salmon and returning
17 spawning salmon; and

18 WHEREAS, The failure of the Klamath fall-run chinook salmon populations to meet a
19 scientifically developed annual goal of 35,000 returning adult natural spawning fish in 2005,
20 and predicted again for 2006, has resulted in drastic cutbacks to tribal fisheries, the in-river
21 recreational fishery, and the ocean commercial fishery; and

22 WHEREAS, The cutbacks imposed on California’s commercial fisheries, as well as
23 those in Oregon, are estimated to represent up to 90 percent of a normal fishing season
24 capture, with losses of tens of millions of dollars; and

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1 WHEREAS, Severe cutbacks in fishing have also been ordered for recreational
2 fisheries offshore the Klamath River and on the river, and tribal harvests have been set at less
3 than 40 percent of the annual subsistence needs of salmon for the native peoples of the
4 Klamath Basin; and

5 WHEREAS, Klamath salmon stocks may continue to linger in a depressed state
6 without a plan for short-term survival of the fish in the basin and a plan for the long-term
7 recovery of these fish; and

8 WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives (HR
9 5213) and in the U.S. Senate, (S. 2649) to provide \$81 million in emergency appropriations to
10 the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to distribute funds to impacted commercial
11 fishermen, tribes and related businesses in the region, and \$45 million to the National Marine
12 Fisheries Service to complete a recovery plan for the Klamath coho salmon in the Klamath
13 Basin river system; and

14 WHEREAS, HR 5213 and S. 2649 require the National Marine Fisheries Service to
15 report back annually to the Congress on how their conservation projects have increased water
16 quantity, improved water quality, increased salmon populations and specifically benefited
17 salmon spawning habitat; now therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to pass HR
19 5213 and S. 2649, in order to restore salmon populations in the Klamath River Basin and
20 provide disaster relief to those whose jobs and food source is threatened by the decline of
21 Salmon stocks in this river basin; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco expresses support for
23 cooperation between the Governors of California and Oregon to restore the entire length of
24 the Klamath River so that its fish populations recover and support abundant salmon fishing
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1 within the river and on the ocean for tribal, commercial and recreational fisheries; and be it
2 finally

3 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco urges that all efforts by the
4 Federal and State agencies involved in restoration of the Klamath River include the tribes,
5 commercial fishing men and women, recreational anglers and the farming communities of the
6 Klamath Basin in the planning, development and implementation of fish restoration on the
7 Klamath River.

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