

Amendment of the Whole 6/24/04
RESOLUTION NO.

FILE NO. 040421

1 [Supporting AB 2146.]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to support AB 2146, legislation**
4 **establishing a pilot program to limit the number of Dungeness crab traps allowed on**
5 **each commercial fishing vessel and give authority to the Fish and Game Commission**
6 **to regulate the Dungeness crab industry.**

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8 WHEREAS, Dungeness Crab fishing has been a San Francisco tradition since the
9 Gold Rush, however, since the 1970's, California crab fishing has become increasingly
10 dominated by large commercial boats; and,

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Dungeness crab has traditionally been harvested and
12 delivered to Fisherman's Wharf by small and medium sized family owned local boats; and,

13 WHEREAS, In the past, those crabs were bought, processed and distributed to small,
14 family-owned fish markets, crab stands, and restaurants; and,

15 WHEREAS, Over the years, there has been a decline in these family owned and small
16 business boats due to their inability to compete with larger boats and processors from the
17 north; and,

18 WHEREAS, Large crab boats (larger than 50 feet), based North of Mendocino County
19 and in Oregon and Washington State have begun over-fishing the San Francisco Bay; and,

20 WHEREAS, Though this over crabbing is not creating a resource problem for the crab
21 species (crabbers are required to throw back small crabs and all females to maintain a strong
22 crab population), it is preventing sustainable crabbing throughout the season for the
23 fishermen dependent on these crabs for their livelihood; and,

24 WHEREAS, In response to these concerns, Assemblyman Mark Leno authored
25 legislation sponsored by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association and

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1 supported by the Crab Boat Owner's Association, the San Mateo County Harbor District and
2 others that would create a Dungeness crab trap limit of 250 traps per vessel in all Fish and
3 Game districts except 6,7,8 and 9 and give authority to the Fish and Game Commission to
4 regulate the Dungeness crab industry; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 supports AB 2146 in its amended form; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges members of the
8 California State Legislature to support AB 2146; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, a copy of this resolution will be
10 forwarded to the office of Assemblymen Mark Leno and Leland Yee.

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