

CITY OF WESTPORT  
RESOLUTION #844

WHEREAS, the City of Westport is the homeport for many commercial fisherman and commercial seafood processing plants; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Westport is known for charter boat fishing, whale watching, surfing and bird watching; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Westport is regarded as a popular Washington State tourism location hosting many coastal attractions, festivals and events on the South Beach of Grays Harbor County; and,

WHEREAS, Grays Harbor County includes sensitive waterways that include the Chehalis River, the Grays Harbor Shipping channels and the Pacific Ocean where sports and commercial fishing takes place;; and,

WHEREAS, an oil spill presents the potential for enormous harm to deep ocean and coastal fishing and fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, the immediate effects of toxic and smothering oil may be mass mortality and contamination of fish and other food species, but long-term ecological effects may be worse; and,

WHEREAS, an oil spill poisons the sensitive marine and coastal organic substrate, interrupting the food chain on which fish and sea creatures depend, and on which their reproductive success is based. Commercial fishing enterprises may be affected permanently; and,

WHEREAS, wildlife other than fish and sea creatures, including mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds that live in or near the ocean, are also poisoned by oil spills; and,

WHEREAS, an oil spill invades and pollutes these areas and negatively affects human activities can have devastating and long-term effects on the local economy and society; and,

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the prevention of oil spills falls upon individuals as well as on governments and industries; and,

WHEREAS, the Port of Grays Harbor and the City of Hoquiam have plans to expand oil terminal operations which may include increased shipments of "Crude by Rail" and expanded shipping via Grays Harbor, so

THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WESTPORT OPPOSE THE TRANSPORTATION OF "CRUDE BY RAIL" AND EXPANDED SHIPMENTS OF OIL VIA THE WATERS OF GRAYS HARBOR.

DATED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2014

Mayor Michael Bruce \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Melissa Huerta M. Huerta

Council Member Robert Shelton Robert Shelton

Council Member Louis Summers Louis Summers

Council Member Rob Bearden abstained

Council Member Pat Gardner against

Attest:

*Margo R Tackett*

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Clerk-Treasurer