

RESOLUTION NO. R2007_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2007 OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO INCREASE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY ABOVE THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN RCW 84.55.010 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE SKAGIT COUNTY SALMON HERITAGE PROGRAM, SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT PROPOSITION AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO CERTIFY A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, Skagit County (the “County”) has established the Skagit County Salmon Heritage Program (the “Salmon Heritage Program”); and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Program Goals of the Salmon Heritage Program, the County is in need of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have determined to fund the Salmon Heritage Program with the proceeds of a “levy lid lift” in the amount of ten (10) cents per \$1,000 assessed value to be placed before the voters of the County pursuant to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County’s current regular property tax levy is below the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value permitted by statute; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of the County’s voters, the County can increase its regular property tax levy to provide for the Salmon Heritage Program; and

WHEREAS, to fund and implement the Salmon Heritage Program, the Board of County Commissioners proposes to present a ballot proposition to the County’s voters to increase the County’s regular property tax levy by up to ten (10) cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (to a total rate not to exceed \$1.4206 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) for collection in 2008 and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW; until said purpose has been accomplished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the County of the proposition whether the County shall levy regular property taxes above the limitations established in RCW 84.55.010 for approval or rejection at a special election to be held on August 22, 2007. The Skagit County Auditor’s

Office, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Skagit County, is requested to find the existence of such an emergency and to call and conduct such election to be held within the County and to submit to the qualified electors of the County, for their approval or rejection, a proposition to increase the County's regular property tax levy by up to ten (10) cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (to a total rate not to exceed \$1.4206 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) for collection in 2008 and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW until the purpose has been accomplished.

Section 2. The purpose of the increased levy is to provide funds for to implement the Program Goals of the Salmon Heritage Program. The Board of County Commissioners shall determine the exact use of the amounts received from the increased regular property taxes; provided that, the use of the funds shall be consistent with the Salmon Heritage Program established by Resolution No. R2007_____.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is authorized and directed, not less than 45 days prior to the election date, to certify a proposition to the Skagit County Auditor – Elections Department, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Skagit County, Washington in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. ____

SKAGIT COUNTY

LEVY FOR SALMON HERITAGE PROGRAM

The Board of County Commissioners of Skagit County adopted Resolution No. _____ concerning an increase in Skagit County's regular property tax levy.

To fund the Skagit County Salmon Heritage Program, this proposition would increase Skagit County's regular property tax levy by up to ten (10) cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation (to a total rate not to exceed \$1.4206 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) for collection in 2008 and increase the levy each year thereafter as currently allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW [until the Program Goals of the Salmon Heritage Program have been accomplished].

Should this proposition be:

Approved?

Rejected?

Section 4. If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent

jurisdiction; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Will Honea, Chief Civil Deputy

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Skagit County, Washington (herein called the "Board") and keeper of the records of the County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____ of the County (herein called the "Resolution"), as finally adopted at a meeting of the Board held on the ____ day of _____, 2007, and duly recorded in my office.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that quorum of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of said Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed, and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Clerk of the Board