

MEMORANDUM
Office of
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Senior Administrative Aide

DATE: September 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION** – Approve a Proclamation Declaring October 2012 as Salmon and Steelhead Awareness month in the County of Placer.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve a Proclamation Declaring October 2012 as Salmon and Steelhead Awareness month in the County of Placer.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

California salmon and steelhead are an indicator of the quality of life in this state. They provide evidence of our water quality and watershed well-being and provide a substantial benefit to local economies, which rely on tourism and outdoor recreation.

Native Americans depended upon salmon and steelhead for sustenance and these fish became the foundation for tribal culture, ritual and communion and trade.

The journey of an anadromous fish depends on sufficient stream flow, clean water, predator prey balance, riparian buffers for shade and good inland conditions to rebound from warm oceans. Pollution, over fishing, degradation of riparian habitat and interbreeding threaten the wild salmon and steelhead population.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) first listed steelhead as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act in the Evolutionary Significant Unit from the Santa Maria River to Malibu Creek on August 18, 1997 and extended the range to the U.S. Mexico Border on May 1, 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2012 AS SALMON AND STEELHEAD AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF PLACER

The following PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, September 11, 2012

WHEREAS, California salmon and steelhead are an indicator of the quality of life in this state. They provide evidence of our water quality and watershed well-being and provide a substantial benefit to local economies, which rely on tourism and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans depended upon salmon and steelhead for sustenance and these fish became the foundation for tribal culture, ritual and communion and trade; and

WHEREAS, the journey of an anadromous fish depends on sufficient stream flow, clean water, predator prey balance, riparian buffers for shade and good inland conditions to rebound from warm oceans. Pollution, over fishing, degradation of riparian habitat and interbreeding threaten the wild salmon and steelhead population; and

WHEREAS, The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) first listed steelhead as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act in the Evolutionary Significant Unit from the Santa Maria River to Malibu Creek on August 18, 1997 and extended the range to the U.S. Mexico Border on May 1, 2002; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the County of Placer Board of Supervisors, proclaims October 2012 as Salmon and Steelhead Awareness Month to honor the salmon and steelhead through service and activism and to recognize the salmon and steelhead as the premier symbols of healthy oceans, clean water, rivers and streams. We encourage the promotion of public awareness, community stewardship and recognize the important work that advocates, agencies, fisherman, youth, Native Americans, educators and service programs are undertaking to restore and heal the symbol of our aquatic world—salmon and steelhead trout.

Jennifer Montgomery,
Supervisor District 5, 2012 Chairwoman

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