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CITY OF STANLEY

RESOLUTION #2021-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, IDAHO, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR REPRESENTATIVE MIKE SIMPSON'S *NORTHWEST IN TRANSITION* FRAMEWORK FOR RESTORING HEALTHY, SELF-SUSTAINING POPULATIONS OF WILD SALMON IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST STATES

WHEREAS, Idaho's salmon populations have declined alarmingly in recent decades, and now face extinction as an imminent possibility, and;

WHEREAS, The 425-mile long Salmon River, one of the most iconic and famous wild rivers in Idaho and the USA, bears the name of the fish that migrates over 900 miles from the ocean to spawning habitat in the Sawtooth Valley, but may soon see those fish disappear from its waters, and;

WHEREAS, Federal government efforts to restore healthy populations of salmon have failed, despite spending over \$17 billion over the past 30 years on salmon recovery efforts, and;

WHEREAS, The economy of Stanley is heavily dependent on recreation and tourism, and natural, sustainable and harvestable salmon populations are essential components of that economy, and;

WHEREAS, Healthy and sustainable salmon populations are critical components of the natural ecosystem in the Sawtooth Valley, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and adjacent Congressionally-designated Wilderness areas and Wild & Scenic Rivers, and;

WHEREAS, scientific studies show that central Idaho has abundant high-quality natal habitat, but salmon recovery is limited by insufficient survival downriver, particularly due to impacts of the federal hydrosystem and climate change, and;

WHEREAS, Recovery efforts must be based on solid scientific data, long-term cost-effectiveness, and mitigation for those impacted by recovery actions, and;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, Custer County, Idaho, that:

- New approaches and creative thinking are required to identify cost-effective, science-based policy and actions that restore natural, self-sustaining salmon populations, while recognizing the needs of energy, agriculture, commerce, and communities.
- We recognize that a plan to restore sustainable populations of wild salmon to the Sawtooth Valley cannot be successful unless it addresses both the science and the economic impacts of these actions on stakeholders throughout the Pacific Northwest.
- We believe that Representative Mike Simpson's *Northwest in Transition* framework offers a path forward for stakeholders to forge this type of comprehensive plan.
- The City of Stanley is committed to working with Congressman Simpson, other members of Idaho's Congressional delegation, the Governor, Custer County and other stakeholders to further develop this plan.

Authorized by the City Council the 11th day of February 2021 and signed in open session in authentication of its adoption.



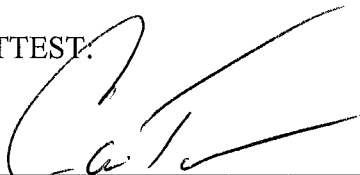
City Council President

The Mayor Concurring:



The Honorable Mayor, Steve Botti



ATTEST:


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