

**APPROVED**

**CITY OF STANLEY**

**RESOLUTION 2019-4**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, IDAHO, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO RESTORE HARVESTABLE, SELF-SUSTAINING POPULATIONS OF WILD SALMON AND STEELHEAD IN THE UPPER SALMON RIVER REGION OF IDAHO

WHEREAS, Idaho's salmon and steelhead 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 and steelhead have failed, despite the expenditure of vast sums of taxpayer and electric ratepayer funds on recovery efforts, and;

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

WHEREAS, Healthy and sustainable salmon and steelhead 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;

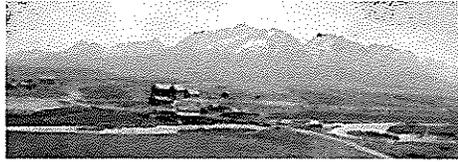
WHEREAS, scientific studies show that central Idaho has abundant high-quality natal habitat, but salmon recovery is limited by insufficient survival downriver, particularly due to impacts of the federal hydrosystem and climate change, and;

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

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

- We urge Idaho's Governor and Congressional Delegation to provide stronger leadership, now necessary to establish a salmon/steelhead recovery plan that overcomes federal failures and works for Idaho.
- We urge that deference of the State of Idaho to federal salmon policy cease, and instead, that Idaho exercise a leadership role in regional efforts, working with the States of Oregon and Washington.
- New approaches and creative thinking is required to identify cost-effective, science-based policy and actions that restore natural, self-sustaining salmon and steelhead populations, while recognizing the needs of energy, agriculture, commerce, and communities.
- The City of Stanley is committed to working with Idaho's Congressional delegation, the Governor, Custer County and other stakeholders to protect local salmon and steelhead natal habitat, while we support restoration of healthy migratory habitat and advocate for a comprehensive recovery plan.

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- The recovery plan must restore healthy self-sustaining fish populations to provide enhanced recreational opportunities and environmental protection.

Authorized by the City Council the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 and signed in open session in authentication of its adoption.

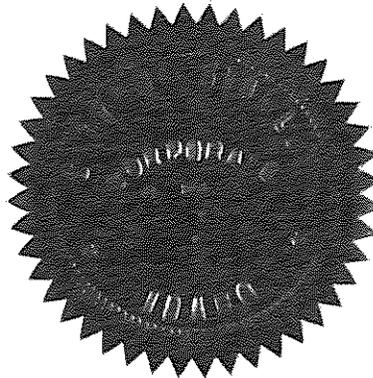
  
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The Mayor Concurring:

  
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The Honorable Mayor, Steve Botti

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