

RESOLUTION NO. 05-396

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RATIFYING THE WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA
(WRIA) 9 SALMON HABITAT PLAN

WHEREAS, in March 1999, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries listed the Puget Sound Chinook salmon evolutionary significant unit as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); and

WHEREAS, in November 1999, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed the Puget Sound bull trout distinct population segment as a threatened species under the ESA; and

WHEREAS, significant areas of the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9, are designated by the federal government as critical salmon habitat; and

WHEREAS, coordination and cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, businesses, non-governmental organizations, landowners, citizens, and other interests are essential to plan for and implement a salmon recovery plan; and

WHEREAS, 17 local governments in WRIA 9 entered into an inter-local agreement in 2001 to jointly fund development of the *Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, Making our Watershed Fit for a King*, published August 10, 2005; and

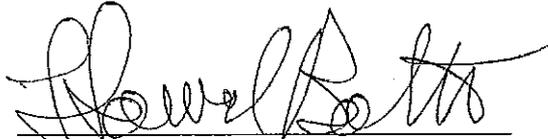
WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, developed by a steering committee comprised of multiple interests, includes a wide variety of actions that focus on habitat recovery for Chinook salmon, bull trout, and other salmonids for the next 10 years and prioritizes them to guide efforts to recover the Green River Chinook salmon population; and

WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan is based upon a sound scientific foundation, and includes an adaptive management approach and funding strategy for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Black Diamond was not a party to the 2001 inter-local agreement to jointly fund the development of the Salmon Habitat Plan but the City supports cooperation at the WRIA level to set common priorities for actions among partners, efficient use of resources and investments, and distribution of responsibility for actions and expenditures; now, therefore

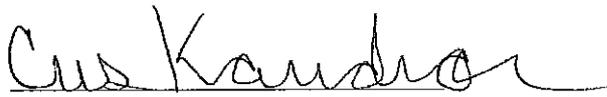
BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Black Diamond hereby ratifies the *Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, Making our Watershed Fit for a King*, dated August 2005, a copy of which shall be on file with the City Clerk.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 1ST day of December, 2005.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard Botts", written over a horizontal line.

Howard Botts, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cris Kandior", written over a horizontal line.

Cris Kandior, City Clerk