

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**County of Jefferson**

In the Matter of Support of Placing a Moratorium        }  
on Atlantic Salmon Fish Farms in Puget Sound        }        RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*WHEREAS*, Both commercial and recreational salmon fisheries are major industries in Washington State; and,

*WHEREAS*, Millions of federal, state and local dollars have been spent over the past decade on restoration projects throughout the coastal waters of the state in an effort to restore native salmon stock listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act; and,

*WHEREAS*, Hundreds of citizen volunteers have donated thousands of hours toward the restoration of native salmon runs; and,

*WHEREAS*, The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and its Action Agenda were created to expand and enhance that restoration effort; and,

*WHEREAS*, The PSP's task is to ensure "that the Sound will forever be a thriving natural system with clean marine and fresh waters, healthy and abundant native species, natural shoreline and places for public enjoyment and vibrant economy that prospers in productive harmony with a healthy sound"; and,

*WHEREAS*, WAC-173-26-201 (3)(E)(iii) requires that County's SMP "shall achieve no net loss of ecological function and address the cumulative impacts on shoreline ecological function that would result from future shoreline development and uses that are reasonably foreseeable"; and,

*WHEREAS*, All of the environmental challenges to aquaculture listed in NOAA's Draft Aquaculture Policy (Feb. 2011), to wit "nutrient and chemical wastes, water use demands, aquatic animal diseases and invasive species, effects on protected and sensitive marine areas, potential competition and genetic effects on wild species, effect on endangered or protected species, effects on habitat for other species, and use of forage fish for aquaculture feeds", are all risks related to Atlantic Salmon Fish Farms; and,

*WHEREAS*, WAC173-26-201 (2)(f) states that SMP's "be designed to achieve overall improvements to ecological functions over time when compared to the status upon adoption"; and,

*WHEREAS*, 173-26-201 (3)(f)(111)(c) States that Shoreline ecological functions in marine waters include "removing excessive nutrients and toxic compounds"; and,

