

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Resolution 2012-05

WHEREAS a coalition of Olympic Peninsula preservation organizations launched an initiative, WILD OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN approximately three years ago to develop a proposal to add new areas of the Olympic National Forest under the Wilderness designation and the purchase of public and private lands to add to the Olympic National Park; and,

WHEREAS this initiative resulted in a proposal to add more acreage to the existing Olympic National Forest and designating twenty-three peninsula rivers in the Olympic National Park and National Forest as "Wild and Scenic" encumbering another 44,000 acres of these public lands; and,

WHEREAS the Northwest Forest Plan, implemented to address the "Spotted Owl" on National Forest Lands, has severely reduced the harvest of timber and recreational accessibility on the Olympic National Forest; and,

WHEREAS the WILD OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN proposal would further restrict the harvest of timber within the Olympic National Forest, impacting the Peninsula's timber-based economy for jobs, income for schools and revenue for Cities; and

WHEREAS the offices of Congressman Norm Dicks and U.S. Senator Patty Murray now advise us they are working together to draft legislation to enact the bulk of the WILD OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN into law;

Now therefore be it RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Cosmopolis, Washington go on record opposing the WILD OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN and any legislation which would make into law anything resembling the WILD OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cosmopolis insist the offices of Congressman Norm Dicks and U.S. Senator Patty Murray that they cease and desist in their continued joint efforts to create legislation designed to enact the WILD OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN into law and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cosmopolis send copies of this Resolution to the Congressional delegation of the State of Washington and be it

And FINALLY RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Cosmopolis recommends to the other municipalities in Grays Harbor County, Washington to follow suit.

Approved this 13th day of June, 2012

Vickie Raines, Mayor