

FILE NO. 040421

RESOLUTION NO. 440-04

1 [Supporting AB 2146.]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to support AB 2146, legislation**
4 **establishing a pilot program to limit the number of Dungeness crab traps allowed on**
5 **each commercial fishing vessel and give authority to the Fish and Game Commission**
6 **to regulate the Dungeness crab industry.**

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8 WHEREAS, Dungeness Crab fishing has been a San Francisco tradition since the
9 Gold Rush, however, since the 1970's, California crab fishing has become increasingly
10 dominated by large commercial boats; and,

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Dungeness crab has traditionally been harvested and
12 delivered to Fisherman's Wharf by small and medium sized family owned local boats; and,

13 WHEREAS, In the past, those crabs were bought, processed and distributed to small,
14 family-owned fish markets, crab stands, and restaurants; and,

15 WHEREAS, Over the years, there has been a decline in these family owned and small
16 business boats due to their inability to compete with larger boats and processors from the
17 north; and,

18 WHEREAS, Large crab boats (larger than 50 feet), based North of Mendocino County
19 and in Oregon and Washington State have begun over-fishing the San Francisco Bay; and,

20 WHEREAS, Though this over crabbing is not creating a resource problem for the crab
21 species (crabbers are required to throw back small crabs and all females to maintain a strong
22 crab population), it is preventing sustainable crabbing throughout the season for the
23 fishermen dependent on these crabs for their livelihood; and,

24 WHEREAS, In response to these concerns, Assemblyman Mark Leno authored
25 legislation sponsored by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association and

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1 supported by the Crab Boat Owner's Association, the San Mateo County Harbor District and
2 others that would create a Dungeness crab trap limit of 250 traps per vessel in all Fish and
3 Game districts except 6,7,8 and 9 and give authority to the Fish and Game Commission to
4 regulate the Dungeness crab industry; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 supports AB 2146 in its amended form; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges members of the
8 California State Legislature to support AB 2146; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, a copy of this resolution will be
10 forwarded to the office of Assemblymen Mark Leno and Leland Yee.

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April 13, 2004 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: City Services Committee

July 20, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell,
Peskin, Sandoval

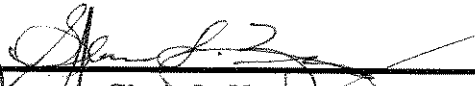
Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

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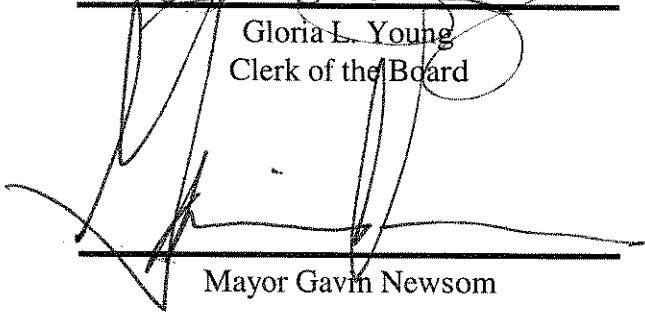
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 20, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUL 22 2004

Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom