RESOLUTION NO. <u>113-97</u>

IN THE MATTER OF:

Enacting an interim measure which will prohibit all new construction in the Skokomish River Valley where there is a threat to life and property due to a potential river avulsion. This resolution shall be in effect for a period of six months from the date of approval on an interim basis, under authority of Chapter 36.70A.390; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Board of Commissioners on July 15, 1997, adopted Resolution No. 76-97, a Declaration of Emergency for several bodies of water in Mason County, including the Skokomish River; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Skokomish River and Vance Creek are perched, that is the river channel is higher than the surrounding floodplain creating a condition which, coupled with the continued aggradation and loss of flow conveyance capacity in the river, makes it probable that an avulsion will take place and the river will develop a new channel on the flood plain; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to predict when an avulsion may take place during a flood event; and

WHEREAS, recent floods have eroded significant areas of riparian vegetation and riverbank, breached dikes and present a continued threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, any new construction within the Skokomish River Valley within the 100-year floodplain defined below is potentially in danger of being in the path of a river avulsion; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of building for the next six months will provide additional time and opportunity to further evaluate the potential threat of an avulsion and examination of alternatives for dealing with the situation without allowing other structures to be constructed in harms way; and

WHEREAS, reconstruction or replacement shall be for structures of the same type and use as the original structure and shall within the original footprint; and

WHEREAS, per orders from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, Mason County is in the process of amending the Frequently Flooded Areas section of the Interim Resource Ordinance No. 77-93 and this moratorium will allow for time to consider whether or not the proposed density of 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres is appropriate in the Skokomish River floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the resolution is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses by prohibiting any new construction within the Skokomish River Valley;

RESOLUTION NO. 113-97 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Construction of any new structure, as defined in the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance #59-91, shall not be allowed in the Skokomish River Valley within the 100-year flood plain of the Skokomish River as delineated in the *Skokomish River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, February 1997*; and the 100-year flood plain of Vance Creek and the South Fork Skokomish River within Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Township 21 N., Range 5 W, W.M. as delineated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (530115 0001-0175), May 17, 1988. Maps delineating these areas are attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B", respectively, and made a part of this resolution by reference. A site inspection will be conducted for any development proposals in the previously described areas to verify if it is within the 100-year floodplain. Reconstruction shall be allowed pursuant to all applicable regulations and the following condition:

1. The area of the footprint of the structure following reconstruction shall be no greater than the areas of the footprints prior to reconstruction. A footprint is defined as the total area of the first floor of a structure, regardless of how the structure is supported.

This resolution is in effect for six (6) months beginning on the date of approval by the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

DATED this 23¹² day of September, 1997.

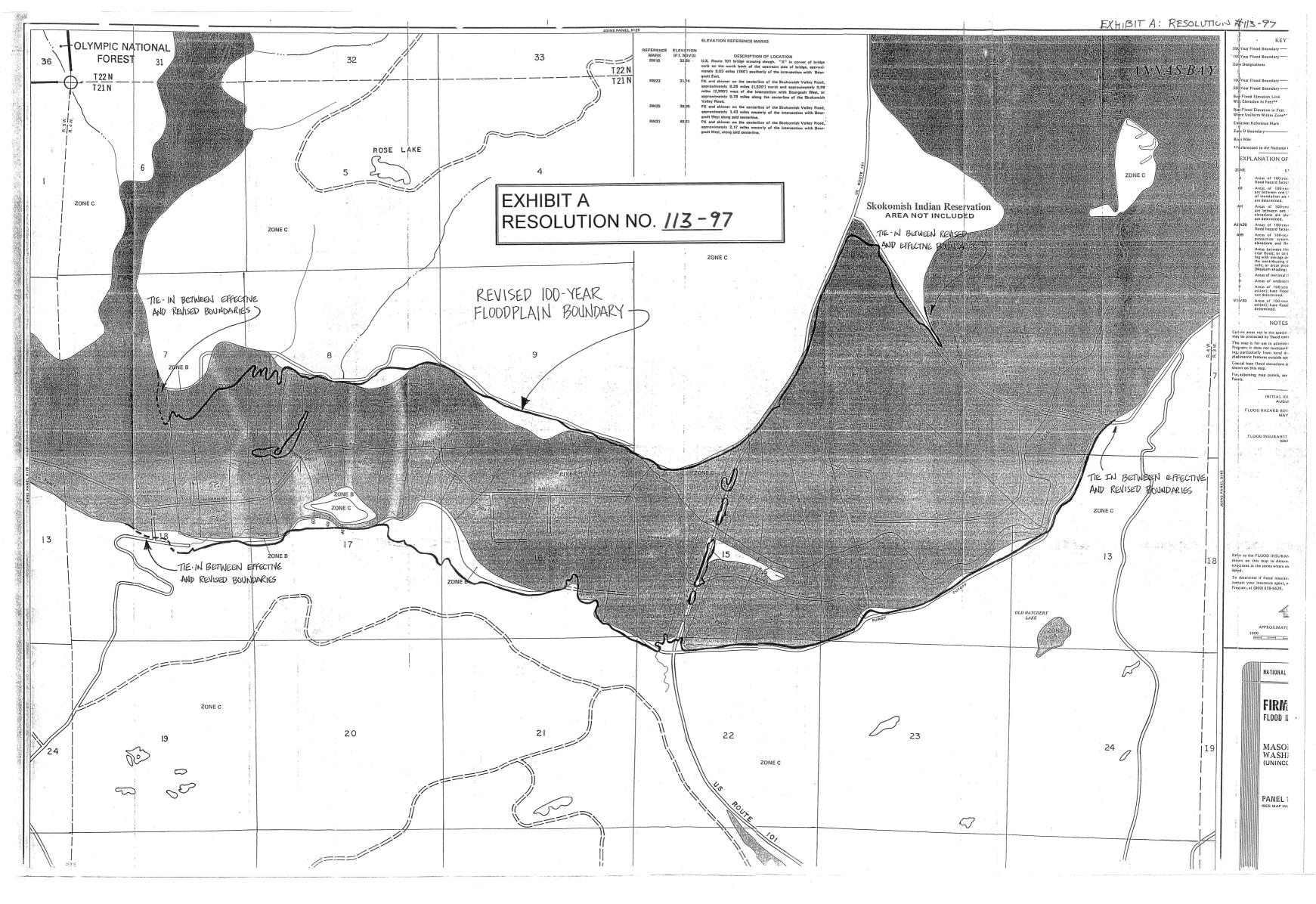
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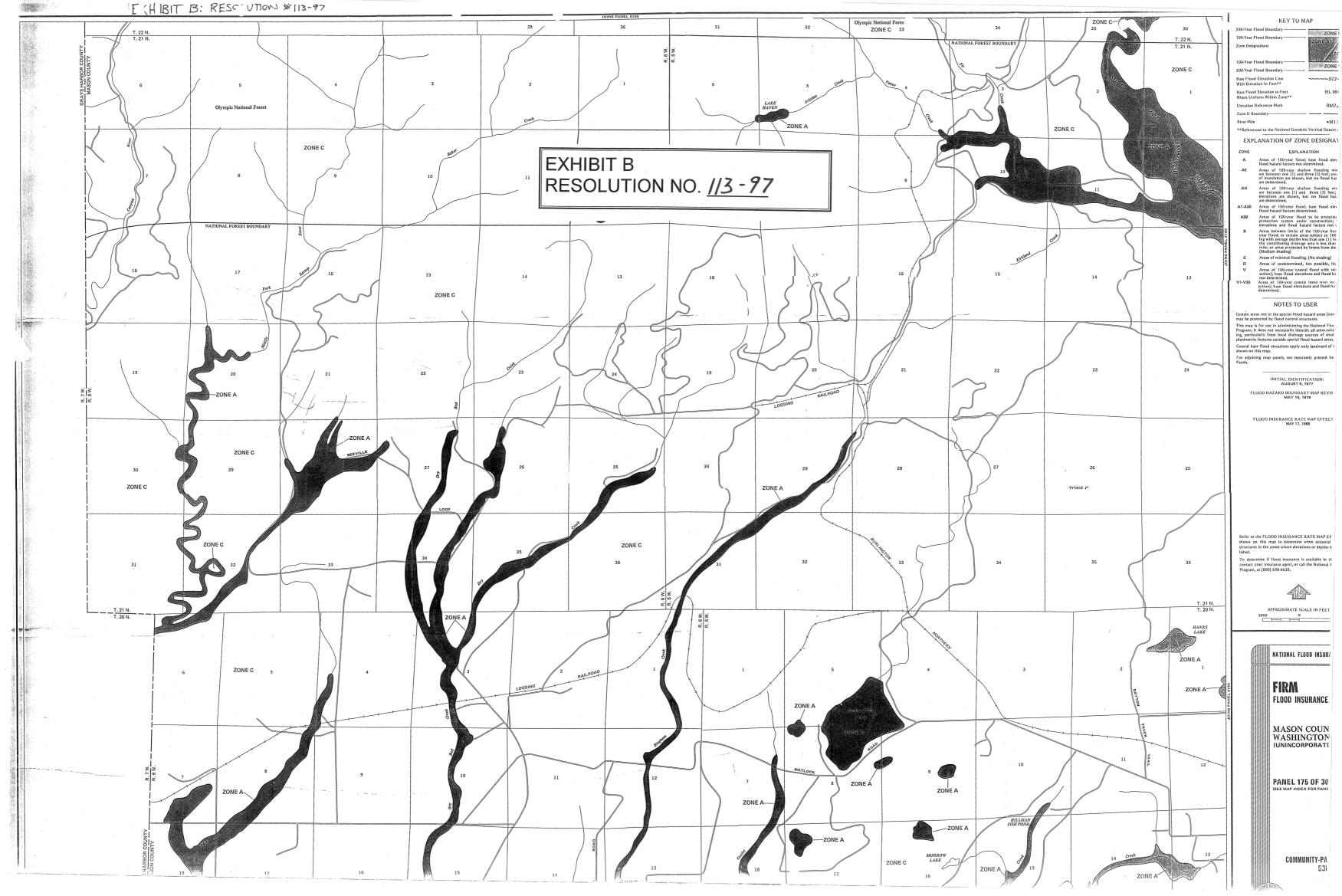
Chairperson

Commissioner Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board





FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP REVIS MAY 15, 1979 FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP EFFECT MAY 17, 1988