

ORDINANCE NUMBER 58 -01

INTERIM AMENDMENT TO THE MASON COUNTY RESOURCE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE adopting interim amendments to Mason County Resource Ordinance 77-93, as amended, under the authority of Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A RCW.

WHEREAS, Mason County has identified a need to support efforts to enhance critical habitat or foster the recovery of listed endangered or threatened fish species;

WHEREAS, the goals of the Growth Management Act include the preservation and enhancement of the environment in RCW 36.70A.020 (10).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Board of Commissioners of Mason County hereby ADOPTS an amendment to Section 7.01.130 General Exemptions of the Mason County Resource Ordinance, #77-93, as amended, to add a new subsection "J" as follows:

- J. A project approved by the Board of County Commissioners to enhance critical habitat or foster recovery of listed endangered or threatened fish species.

This ordinance shall be effective for a period of six months after adoption.

The Board adopts the attached findings of fact in support of this interim ordinance.

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390, the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on this action on Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at 10:30 am.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

Board of Commissioners  
Mason County, Washington

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Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

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Herb Baze, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Rebecca S Rogers  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND SUBJECT:

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**Mason County Board of County Commissioners**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Under consideration is a proposal to adopt interim amendments to Mason County Resource Ordinance 77-93, as amended.
2. Mason County has identified a need to support efforts to enhance critical habitat or foster the recovery of listed endangered or threatened fish species.
3. The goals of the Growth Management Act including the preservation and enhancement of the environment in RCW 36.70A.020 (10).
4. Fish species represent a good and valuable asset for the county by providing employment and recreational opportunities.
5. There has been a marked decline in the number of certain fish species within the county which significantly reduces employment and recreational opportunities and impacts the economic well being of the county.
6. Certain fish species have been listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service as threatened or endangered.
7. Enhancement of critical fish species habitat or fostering recovery of listed endangered or threatened species is in the public interest and benefits the economic well being of the county.

**From the preceding findings**, it is concluded that these interim provisions should be adopted.

  
Chair, Mason County Board of Commissioners

6/5/01  
Date