

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INCREASING OIL TRANSPORTATION THROUGH AND EXPORTS FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHEREAS,

There is industry movement in proposing, permitting, and building oil receiving and export terminal/facilities at several Pacific Northwest ports, including Vancouver, Cherry Point, Longview, Grays Harbor, and Anacortes in Washington state, and

WHEREAS,

burning oil is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide that contribute to global climate change, when green alternatives are increasingly available, and

WHEREAS

National Audubon Society's Birds and Climate Change Report demonstrates that global warming is the number one threat to birds in North America, and

WHEREAS,

increased transportation and exporting oil, by any means, in the Pacific Northwest will harm our environment and the public health in a manner that cannot be sufficiently mitigated at this time, and

WHEREAS,

increased export of oil contradicts our own state's efforts, as articulated by the Governor's Executive Orders to curb greenhouse emissions, and

WHEREAS,

the Magnuson amendment to the Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibits federal permitting of projects which would enable the handling of additional crude oil in Puget Sound and the Straits other than for use in Washington State, and

WHEREAS,

WSACC supports well-designed, appropriately sited, renewable energy projects; therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (WSACC) opposes any and all proposals for increased transport of oil through or export from the Pacific Northwest.

Furthermore, WSACC urges upholding the Magnuson Amendment, declaring a moratorium on any new fossil fuel-related industrial facilities pending a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement; a halt to oil transport by DOT-111 tanker cars and other unsafe rail cars; and immediate improvements to safety measures for all existing oil transportation, both by land and water.