

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER)IN THE MATTER OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF
98-10-7-3)THE LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, healthy watersheds produce and maintain clean water and support fish populations which are of local, state and national concern and economic importance and provide other tangible and intangible benefits to the citizens and visitors of Lane County; and

WHEREAS, fishing, recreational boating, agriculture, forestry, and other businesses tied to the watershed are economically and culturally important to Lane County and help diversify and strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette Valley watersheds of Lane County have been altered and are not providing the benefits that healthy watersheds can provide; and

WHEREAS, citizens and resource management agencies of this portion of the county realize the importance of enhancing watersheds and recognize the need to restore communication, cooperation, and trust among citizens and agencies of the area to realize these common aims, and have formed the Long Tom Watershed Council to assure such goals are accomplished; and

WHEREAS, watershed councils are forming throughout the state with a focus on the recovery of declining fish runs and related water quality and habitat issues, and are seen as vital citizen groups in this process by the Oregon Plan, National Marine Fisheries Service, and regional coordinating groups; and

WHEREAS, partners in the Long Tom Watershed Council have been participating in coordinated work for the past two years, fostering cooperation among citizens, communities and agencies, and have had a paid coordinator since January, and have begun a watershed assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Long Tom Watershed Council requests official recognition from the Board of County Commissioners, having presented their organizational structure and

charter to the Lane Council of Governments Board, according to the process outlined in Lane Manual; and


WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments Board found that the group is comprised of a balance of interested and affected stakeholders in the watershed, and that the group will be able to sustain a high level of citizen involvement in the development and implementation of a watershed action plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments Board unanimously recommends official recognition of the Long Tom Watershed Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

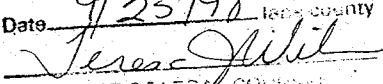
ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes the Long Tom Watershed Council as outlined in the attached charter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Long Tom Watershed Council shall seek monetary and staff resources through partnerships or grants, and will periodically report on their activities to the Board, not less often than once a year.



Vice Chair, Board of Commissioners

Dated this 7th Day of October 1998.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/25/98 Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL