



Resolution in opposition of Catch Share Programs

WHEREAS, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks to expand their Nation Catch Share Program into fisheries in which North Carolina fishermen participate; AND

WHEREAS, Catch Share programs threaten the North Carolina commercial fishing industry by granting arbitrary shares of the total allowable catch for a given fishery to particular fishermen or groups; AND

WHEREAS, The Magnuson-Stevens Act, which sets the framework for fisheries management in the United States does not establish any type of preference for catch share programs and recognizes them as only one of many options available for fisheries management councils to consider; AND

WHEREAS, North Carolina's working watermen need solid fisheries science to sustain and manage resources rather than the misguided efforts of NOAA in stubbornly advancing catch share programs that represent unnecessary regulations for species protection and threaten to put more Americans out of work; AND

WHEREAS, Fishermen in eastern North Carolina and many places across the country vehemently oppose catch share programs as nothing more than thinly veiled attempts to get fishermen to leave the business and destroy fishing communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners opposes catch share programs and supports the efforts of Congressman Walter B. Jones and Senators Burr and Hagan in seeking to stop NOAA funding for these arbitrary and capricious programs that threaten the future of commercial fishing on the Outer Banks and other communities throughout the United States.

Adopted this 5th day of January 2011.

Robert O. Oakes, Jr., Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn Morris, Clerk