


Resolution No. 07-0090

Dated: February 6, 2007


Resolution
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
COUNTY of SONOMA, STATE of CALIFORNIA

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS
STEELHEAD MONTH IN SONOMA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the wild native Rainbow Steelhead Trout fishery is a historic element in Sonoma County's natural heritage that has been enjoyed by many generations; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River once hosted the 3rd largest Steelhead migration in the State of California and attracted anglers from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River boasted a run of 50,000 wild Steelhead as recently as 1968 and are now establishing a commitment to restore the Russian River to achieve that noble goal of 50,000 wild Steelhead once more which will yield multiple outdoor recreation, tourism, biological, educational, and economic benefits annually for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Russian River's anadromous salmonid species represent an important part of Sonoma County's native people's sustenance, culture and spirituality; and

WHEREAS, Steelhead bring their benefits to Sonoma County rivers and streams such as the Russian River and its 100+ salmonid bearing tributaries, the Gualala River, Sonoma Creek, Salmon Creek, and the Petaluma River; and

WHEREAS, the local, state, and federal government have dedicated significant resources to restoration of the Central Coast Steelhead since realizing the Steelhead is a species that is listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act and its value; and

WHEREAS, the Steelhead is a key indicator of watershed health and the state of the entire riparian ecosystem from macroinvertebrates to mammals.

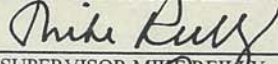
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims February as Steelhead Month in Sonoma County and hereby urges all citizens to recognize the Steelhead and its relationship to the watershed ecosystem and take this opportunity to educate ourselves on the life cycle and habitat needs of our native salmonids and the importance of this renewable resource to our sustenance.




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SO ORDERED