

1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
2 COUNTY OF COOS
3 STATE OF OREGON

4 In the Matter of Addressing Proposed Private) Resolution
5 Lands Acquisition by the Federal Government,)
6 Federal Funding Priorities and Preserving Coos County's) 12-02-016C
7 Economic Base and Taxable Productive Agricultural Land)

8 NOW before the Board of Commissioners sitting regularly for the transaction of County Business
9 on the 6th day of March, 2012 is the matter of addressing proposed private lands acquisition by the federal
10 government, federal funding priorities, and preserving Coos County's economic base and taxable,
11 productive agricultural land;

12 WHEREAS, the proposed United States Fish and Wildlife Service Bandon Marsh Expansion
13 Study and proposed expansion of the Bandon Marsh would be in conflict with a March 2, 2005 Coos
14 County Board of Commissioners Resolution 05-03-022C, reaffirmed by the Coos County Board of
15 Commissioners on January 17, 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, further expansion of the Bandon Marsh under USF&WS management would siphon
17 additional dollars from the federal budget that are desperately needed to provide basic health and safety
18 services in Coos County; and

19 WHEREAS, our federal government has dramatically lost its way in regards to federal funding
20 priorities and is willing to provide millions of dollars to remove productive local farmland from our
21 economic base, but is unwilling to provide critical funding to allow vital public safety and health programs
22 to continue at minimally acceptable levels in our county and throughout the State of Oregon;

23 WHEREAS, further expansion of the Bandon Marsh would be detrimental to the strength of our
24 current Coos County tax base, our overall economic base, and the continued viability of our Coquille basin
25 farmlands; and

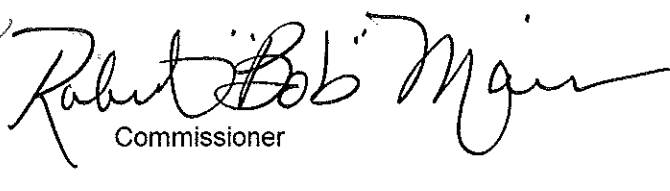
26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 6th day of March, 2012 that the Coos County Board of
27 Commissioners cannot, in good conscience, support the proposed USF&WS Expansion Study or the
28 further expansion of the Bandon Marsh, and goes formally on record today opposing both efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we strongly believe our form of government is the best on this
earth and we will work diligently within the system to change federal policies and funding priorities that
cripple our citizenry and adversely affect our ability to provide for public safety. The Coos County Board of
Commissioners will continue to actively and vocally support fisheries and wildlife habitat restoration and
mitigation efforts that are collaborative in nature, allow continued local ownership and management of all
lands involved, and protect the sustainable natural resources that are most precious to all of us, as
citizens of Coos County and residents of the State of Oregon

DATED THIS 20 day of March 2012


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner