



Resolution No. 429

A resolution of the City of Forks regarding the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's Management of Elk and Deer Populations within the West End Game Management Units

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) manages on behalf of the State of Washington as a co-manager with the Treaty Tribes the game populations within the Sol Duc, Dickey, and Pysht Game Management Units (GMUs), which are Nos. 602, 607, and 603 respectively;

WHEREAS, the City of Forks has had a historic interest in the deer and elk populations as have many tribal and non-tribal hunters, and has worked with WDFW and the Quileute Tribe on issues in the past;

WHEREAS, the City has worked closely with the Quileute Tribe on various natural resources in a collaborative and cooperative manner;

WHEREAS, WDFW has entered into a Hunting Co-Management Agreement with some of the tribes of the Point No Point Treaty for one year that appears to extend to these tribes access into parts of the GMUs noted above, that are entirely within areas of the Treaty of Olympia and which could result in a substantial increase in the taking of deer and elk within the additional areas of the GMUs noted above;

WHEREAS, recent press coverage has raised significant concerns about the manner in which WDFW entered into agreements in the GMUs noted above and whether aspects of due process were in fact adhered to in making these agreements;

WHEREAS, it appears that WDFW may have attempted to address the needs of other tribal governments in a manner that may have inadvertently and adversely impacted the rights of Treaty of Olympia tribal hunters and non-tribal hunters of the West End;

WHEREAS, the City believes that asking WDFW to reconvene the parties and reassess the recently agreed upon Hunting Co-Management Agreements is warranted;

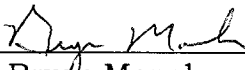
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS THAT;

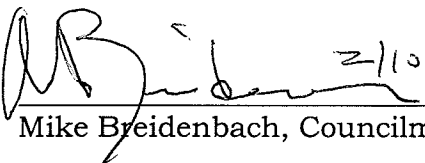
1. The Commissioners overseeing WDFW request a formal briefing regarding this issue and the manner in which it was entered into by WDFW staff at the next meeting of the Commission with the issue being clearly identified on the Commission's agenda and open to the general public;
2. The Commission ask the Department to provide a thorough biological assessment regarding the potential impact this agreement may have on the deer and elk populations in these GMUs in a manner that the general public can access and


review; and until that is complete, put the subject Agreements with the PNP tribes on hold (moratorium);

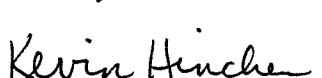
3. The Commission review its standards by which WDFW changes its enforcement practices and the openness of such processes that lead to change in its areas of responsibilities;
4. The Commission, and or the Department Director, avail itself of the various public statements made by the parties involved indicating a want to collectively meet and/or work to resolve the underlying issues; and,
5. The Department updates the City and general public in a reasonable manner and time befitting of the situation on this issue and its resolution.

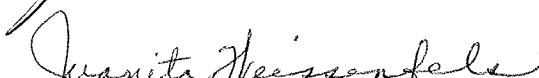
Passed by the City Council of the City of Forks on this 10th day of February 2014.



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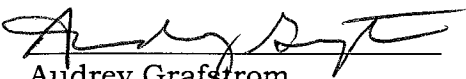

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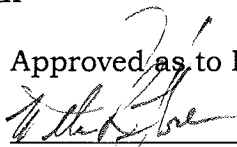

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