

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305112

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 28 2009

WHEREAS, the federal government placed the California Gray Whale on the endangered and threatened species list in 1970 when its estimated population was approximately 12,000 and removed it in 1994 when the population rose to 23,000; and

WHEREAS, a major collapse in 1999 and 2000 is estimated to have wiped out one-third of the total population of California Gray Whales; and

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fisheries Service has not published an estimate of the California Gray Whale population since 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the California State Legislature adopted Assembly Joint Resolution 49 requesting Congress and the President of the United States to call upon the National Marine Fisheries Service to undertake an immediate and comprehensive assessment of the California Gray Whale; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no habitat protection for the Pacific Coast Feeding Aggregation in California, Oregon, or Washington State; and

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies in the protection states give to Gray Whales; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Diego calls on the federal government to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the California Gray Whale. This assessment should include all current research covering the migration routes, population dynamics, mortality of the California Gray Whale, and the impacts of threats to the California Gray Whale.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 21 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Mary Zumaeta
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-28-09
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor