



**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS**

**WHEREAS**, a petition for rulemaking to designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality has been submitted to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission by the NC Wildlife Federation; AND

**WHEREAS**, the petition seeks to designate all inshore and ocean waters out to three miles as Special Secondary Nursery Areas and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used during shrimp season; AND

**WHEREAS**, if adopted, the petition would severely limit shrimp trawling, which would have a devastating impact on commercial fishing families by arbitrarily impairing their livelihood and depriving American tables of fresh, healthy catches of North Carolina harvested shrimp; AND

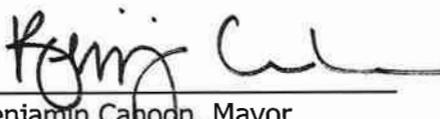
**WHEREAS**, shrimp trawling has been a vibrant and successful part of North Carolina's heritage and culture for all of its history and represents a means by which generations of commercial watermen create jobs, provide for their families, and contribute to the economic wellbeing of North Carolina's coastal communities; AND

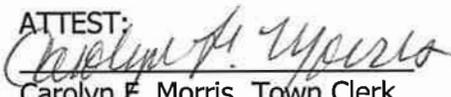
**WHEREAS**, existing state and federal regulations provide ample provisions for monitoring and regulation of commercial shrimping with serious penalties and sanctions for rule violations, which have proven to be effective in preventing overfishing and waste.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the petition for rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality In North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters as set forth by the NC Wildlife Federation and strongly urges the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to reject it.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners asks all coastal communities to support North Carolina's working watermen by adopting similar resolutions in opposition of this petition for rulemaking that would put North Carolina shrimping in jeopardy.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

  
Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:  
  
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

