

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS, OREGON**

In the Matter of)
) RESOLUTION 14-10-134B
OPPOSING CLOSURE OF THE UNITED)
STATES COAST GUARD HELICOPTER AIR)
RESCUE FACILITY AT THE NEWPORT)
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard first stationed a helicopter in Newport in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the decision to bring a helicopter to the Central Coast was the result of years of concerted effort by the Newport Fishermen's Wives and other community members working with local, state and federal elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the campaign to bring the helicopter to Newport was the result of concern over numerous deaths of commercial fishermen and recreational boaters on the cold and treacherous waters of the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Newport and the Central Coast are the hub of one of the most productive commercial fishing fleets in the world and a very active charter fleet; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the United States Coast Guard is to provide for "the well-being, general safety, security, and interests of the citizens of the United States"; and

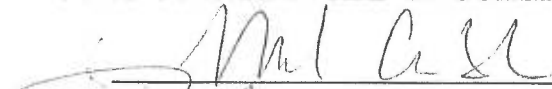
WHEREAS, the decision by the United States Coast Guard to close the helicopter rescue air facility at the Newport Municipal Airport, effective November 30, 2014, imperils the health and safety of our citizens and runs contrary to the United States Coast Guard's mission statement;

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the Board of Commissioners to protect the health and safety of our citizens;

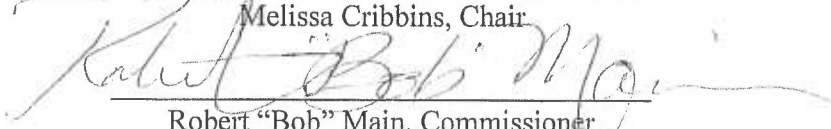
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Coos County Board of Commissioners, do hereby join together with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in calling on the United States Coast Guard to reverse this decision.

Dated this ____ day of October, 2014.

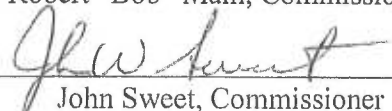
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