

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 2009-71**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA IN SUPPORT OF  
CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY/SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 49  
CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE  
CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE**

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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 since 2001; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2008 the California State Legislature adopted Assembly/Senate 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, there is no current habitat protection for the Pacific Coast Feeding Aggregation in California, Oregon, or the State of Washington; 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 CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA DOES:

1. Call 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA this 6th day of October 2009, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: HAZDOVAC; ROSE; SHARP; TALMAGE  
& McCLOUD

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

SIGNED,

  
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SUE McCLOUD, MAYOR

ATTEST: .

  
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Heidi Burch, City Clerk