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CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE

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;

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

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

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;

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

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies in the protection states give to Gray Whales.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christy Weir, Mayor of the City of San Buenaventura, and on behalf of the City Council, 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 Grey Whale, and the impacts of the threats to the California Gray Whale.



Mayor Christy Weir

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Date