

**RESOLUTION 11- 57**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX IN SUPPORT OF HR 192  
GULF OF THE FARALLONES AND CORDELL NATIONAL BANK MARINE SANCTUARIES  
BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AND PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, The Town of Fairfax is committed to protecting the unique and rich array of marine resources along our coast; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of the boundaries places no additional restrictions on the fishing community, does not conflict with existing or future regulation from the California Department of Fish and Game, and does not interfere with vessel traffic lanes; and,

WHEREAS, The expansion helps maintain important commercial and sport fishing enterprises as well as helps to protect local jobs, existing oyster operations and native fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, It both safeguards and enhances our extremely valuable tourism industry and the vital ocean and fisheries research conducted by the University of California's Bodega Marine Laboratory; and,

WHEREAS, This bill would extend these sanctuaries north and westward to protect the Sonoma and southern Mendocino Coast's natural beauty and significant bio-diversity; and,

WHEREAS, These waters will protect the California Upwelling Ecosystem (CUE), one of only four major coastal upwelling systems on Earth, the only such system in the United States, comprising only 1 percent of the ocean but producing 20 percent of the world's fish; and

WHEREAS, Not only is this region one of the most important 'natural laboratories' in the world, its coastal estuaries are critical passages for endangered salmon and steelhead, essential haulouts for seals and sea lions, and prolific nurseries for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of aquatic species.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax Town Council strongly supports passage of HR 192 and looks forward to helping ensure its passage into law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be transmitted to The Honorable Barbara Boxer, The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, The Honorable Doc Hastings, Chair, House Natural Resources Committee, The Honorable Edward J. Markey, Ranking Member, The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Ranking Member.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fairfax Town Council held in said Town on the 2nd day of November 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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MAYOR LARRY BRAGMAN

Attest:

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Town Clerk, Judy Anderson

AGENDA ITEM # 6