

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SANTA BARBARA'S SEAFOOD INDUSTRY CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SANTA BARBARA'S SEAFOOD INDUSTRY, THE MARITIME COLLECTIVE AND <u>REVITALIZATION OF ITS WORKING WATERFRONT</u>

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WHEREAS, the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara (CFSB) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that for fifty years has represented Santa Barbra's multi-generational fishing community and strived to ensure the economic and biological sustainability of our fisheries, as well as, the promotion and development of markets for Santa Barbara Channel's high quality seafood; and

WHEREAS, CFSB is leading an initiative in partnership with the City of Santa Barbara to revitalize Santa Barbara's Working Waterfront and adopt a Fisheries Economic Development Strategy that integrates the commercial fishing and local seafood industries into the City's post-COVID economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has previously been awarded funds from the Fisheries Enhancement Fund to move forward on key infrastructure projects at the Harbor, most notably the icehouse and fish hoist on City Pier; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Maritime Collective will catalyze revitalization of the Working Waterfront by addressing the immediate infrastructure needs of the commercial fishing fleet and creating a hub for the emerging Blue Economy; and

WHEREAS, the Maritime Collective is a phased, multi-faceted facility with gear, boat and cold storage, seafood processing, educational programs, and workspace for ocean entrepreneurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes and supports the promotion of the local seafood industry, the development of the Maritime Collective, and the revitalization of Santa Barbara's Working Waterfront.

**PASSED** AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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