

RESOLUTION # 01-16-07

BAY AND ESTUARY INFLOWS

- WHEREAS, freshwater inflows to the Aransas and Copano Bay systems are important to commercial and recreational fishermen, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Fulton and surrounding areas; and
- WHEREAS, the sportfishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Fulton area through the tourism it attracts; and
- WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Fulton area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and
- WHEREAS, the Fulton area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds making their homes here; and
- WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries, birdwatching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the Fulton area, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and bait dealers and fish houses; and
- WHEREAS, sport and commercial fishing and other tourism industries can be harmed by the failure to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows reach the Aransas Bay system; and
- WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fulton Town Council that:

We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Glen Hegar, and Representative Juan M. Garcia to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

Passed and Approved on this the 16th day of January 2007.

ATTEST:



Mayor Russel Cole


Kathy Railsback, City Secretary