

RESOLUTION NO. 05-036

**A RESOLUTION AS IT PERTAINS TO
FRESHWATER INFLOWS (REQUESTED BY MAYOR
ORTIZ)**

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club is requesting the City of Port Arthur's support in their efforts to protect freshwater inflows; and

WHEREAS, the freshwater inflows are important to recreational fishermen, bird watchers, and other citizens living and working in Port Arthur and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the sport fishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of Port Arthur through the tourism it attracts; and

WHEREAS, the Port Arthur area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and

WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries, bird watching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the 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 sufficient freshwater inflows; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect and maintain freshwater inflows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the City herein supports the Sierra Club in their efforts to have the Texas Legislature take reasonable steps to protect and maintain freshwater inflows.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Janek, Senator Williams, and State Representative Deshotel.

Section 4. That a copy of the caption of the Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 1st day of Feb., A.D. 2005, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas by the following vote: AYES: Mayor Oscar Ortiz; City Council Barker, Henderson, Flood, Thompson, Prince and Sinegal.

NOES: None.

Oscar Ortiz
OSCAR ORTIZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Evangeline Green
EVANGELINE GREEN, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Sokolow
MARK T. SOKOLOW, CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION:

Stephen FitzGibbons
STEPHEN FITZGIBBONS, CITY MANAGER