

RESOLUTION NO. 05-01

WHEREAS, freshwater inflows to the Aransas Bay system are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Rockport and surrounding areas; and

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

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Rockport area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and

WHEREAS, the Rockport 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 Rockport 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.

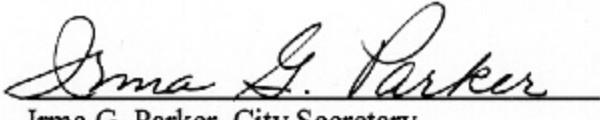
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS THAT: We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Ken Armbrister and Representative Gene Seaman to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

INTRODUCED, READ, and PASSED by the affirmative vote on this the 11th day of JANUARY 2005.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Todd W. Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Irma G. Parker, City Secretary

