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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S 2729 AND HR 4319

WHEREAS, last year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a final rule that would implement an "incremental approach" to analyzing the economic impact of critical habitat designations versus a "quantitative analysis"; and

WHEREAS, an "incremental approach" would require USFWS to only consider the cost to the government of consulting on critical habitat, instead of considering costs to all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, S 2729 and HR 4319 would require the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service to perform cumulative and quantitative economic analysis prior to the critical habitat designation that would measure the potential effects on all affected stakeholders (i.e. costs to agriculture producers, businesses, county and city governments, local entities, etc.), not just federal agencies as is the current standard; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners fully supports S 2729 and HR 4319 to require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to perform cumulative and quantitative economic analysis prior to the critical habitat designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Terry Brown, Senator Mike Green, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Association of Counties, Congressman Dan Kildee, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, and the National Association of Counties.

Date _____

Thom Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on October 17, 2014.

Date 10/20/14

Jodi Fetting
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Tuscola County Clerk