

RESOLUTION 2013-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AND PASS BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS KNOWN AS THE "SUPPORTING GULF FISHERIES FAIRNESS ACT."

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is the governing body that is responsible for compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the data that has been collected by the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey (MRFSS) has been proven to be "fatally flawed" by the National Research Council; and


WHEREAS, the decisions of the NMFS – which have been proven to be based on "fatally flawed" data – are systematically and dramatically harming an economic engine that is so vital to our local, state, and national economies; and

WHEREAS, such decisions which are based on "fatally flawed" data are devastating the economies of coastal fishing communities all across the Gulf of Mexico and shattering the lives of the men and women who work so hard to earn their living from the sea; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach to hereby urge Florida's entire Congressional Delegation to support and pass the House and Senate bills known at the "Supporting Gulf Fisheries Fairness Act" and which put the States in authority of the reef fish fisheries out to 20 fathoms.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach on this 9th Day of April, 2013.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk