

COUNTY OF HORRY)
) RESOLUTION
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONTINUED CLOSING OF FISHING AREAS OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (SAFMC) AND THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE CLOSINGS UNDER AMENDMENT 17B PROHIBITING FISHING FOR THE BLACK SEA BASS.

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the potential overfishing of several species of fish along the southern east coast, the South Atlantic Marine Fishery Council (SAFMC) pursuant to Amendment 17B of the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) has closed broad fishing areas along the south-eastern coastline of the United States from Cape Hatteras, NC to Key West, FL prohibiting the commercial and recreational harvest of black sea bass from February 12, 2011 to June 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, these closures and expanded closures are unjustifiable, have and will cause severe economic hardship to the Little River Community, adversely impact those citizens and guests who either earn their livelihoods from fishing or come to our area to enjoy the sport or diversion of fishing, and increase costs or reduce availability to those who purchase or consume these fish, all at a time when economic job creation and retention is a priority for all of our area, Cities, our State and especially the Little River Community and its Historic Fishing Village.

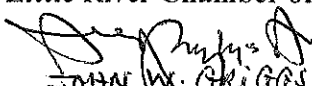
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Little River Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

- 1) That the Little River Chamber of Commerce opposes any area closings off the coast of South Carolina associated with the SAFMC's Amendment 17A and 17B to the Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic Region.
- 2) That the Little River Chamber of Commerce urges SAFMC not to adopt any amendments that includes the continued or expanded prohibition of any type of fishing off the coast of South Carolina.
- 3) That the Little River Chamber of Commerce supports our United State Congress in conducting hearings to get input from those Communities, Cities, States, Businesses and Industries that are being unnecessarily hurt while healthy fisheries are being closed down.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED

Dated this 9th day of MARCH, 2011.

Little River Chamber of Commerce


JOHN W. ORLINGS JR.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD