

Resolve 6
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING A MONUMENT
FOR THE FISHERMEN OF PORTLAND**

WHEREAS, Portland's geography and location on the shores of the Atlantic make our City one of the most unique in the world; and

WHEREAS, the fishing industry and the brave individuals who work as fishermen are at the heart of our maritime tradition; and

WHEREAS, the fishing industry and our fishermen who work in it have always been and are to this day vital to the economy of the City, Region and State as the foundation of Portland's working waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the life of a fisherman is one of hard, dangerous work filled with the inherent risks of being at sea in all kinds of weather without any guarantee of success; and

WHEREAS, a monument on City waterfront property honoring Portland's fishermen and their proud heritage is both timely and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Fisherman's Monument Commission and the Public Art Committee, inspired by similar efforts to honor fishermen in Gloucester, Massachusetts and Seattle, Washington, have been working for over three years to create just such a monument; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to place the monument on City-owned property known as Bell Buoy Park or property within the Ocean Gateway project on the Portland waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is beginning to actively raise the \$1 million needed to create and install the monument and fund an ongoing maintenance endowment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby expresses its strong support and appreciation for this valuable project, designates Bell Buoy Park or property within the Ocean Gateway project as a suitable location for such a monument and directs the City Administration to work with the Public Art Committee and the Portland Fisherman's Monument Commission to help complete this project.