

RESOLUTION NO. R-2444

A RESOLUTION OF THE KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING ISSUANCE OF A U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT FOR DREDGING IN LAKE WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has applied for a permit to dredge a portion of Lake Washington in the vicinity of Sand Point for construction of piers for moorage of ocean-going vessels; and

WHEREAS, Lake Washington is one of the largest freshwater lakes lying within a metropolitan area, devoted primarily to general public recreational uses including swimming, boating and fishing; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of a few remaining nonpark/recreation or nonresidential uses, the Lake Washington shoreline is primarily residential, park and natural state in character; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Shoreline Management Act includes Lake Washington as a shoreline of statewide significance and the Washington State Department of Ecology has required the local jurisdictions surrounding Lake Washington to develop their shoreline master programs consistent with the regional goals and policies developed for Lake Washington and its associated wetlands. Said Lake Washington regional goals and policies provide that dredging should not be permitted along the shoreline of Lake Washington except for the development and maintenance of public shoreline parks or the improvement of water quality where no other possible alternatives are available; and

WHEREAS, said regional goals and policies further provide that the moorage, storage, servicing and operation of facilities for oceangoing or commercial ships and barges should not be expanded on the shoreline of Lake Washington; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Kirkland opposes the presence, servicing, moorage and fueling of oceangoing vessels owned or leased by the Federal Government for use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the waters of Lake Washington and specifically opposes the issuance of a permit to dredge a portion of Lake Washington for the construction of piers for oceangoing vessels for the following reasons:

- A. The proposed dredging within Lake Washington and the proposed berthing of oceangoing vessels are both inconsistent with the Lake Washington regional goals and policies and the shoreline master programs of those local

jurisdictions on Lake Washington whose master programs were developed in conformance with the regional goals and policies for Lake Washington.

- B. The contemplated berthing of oceangoing vessels by NOAA with facilities for servicing and fueling said vessels, together with the presence of said vessels within Lake Washington, poses a serious threat of contamination to the waters of Lake Washington and potential hazard to the recreational boating traffic and other recreational activities within Lake Washington and the Montlake Cut between Lake Washington and Lake Union.

Section 2. The Director of Administration and Finance is authorized and directed to file a copy of this Resolution with the Seattle office of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.


PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE of the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 1st day of August, 1977.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF on the 1st day of August, 1977.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



Director of Finance and Administration
(ex officio City Clerk)