

RESOLUTION 92 - 113

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners has been advised that the Florida Marine Fisheries Commission is considering a proposed rule or regulation which would immediately destroy the commercial net fishing industry in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County is a seafood producing County, a substantial part of which is produced by legal nets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule, by destroying Florida's net fishing industry, would force thousands of Nassau County citizens out of work, placing hardworking honest families on welfare, and rendering fish and shrimp, which would have to be imported, scarce, expensive, and of reduced quality; and

WHEREAS, importing more fish and shrimp would increase the trade deficit of the United States; and

WHEREAS, existing rules and laws are more than sufficient to protect the bottom habitat and fishery stocks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of June, 1992, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. That the Marine Fisheries Commission reject the proposed rule prohibiting commercial net fishing in Florida so decisively that its sponsors will not again propose such a vindictive and destructive measure.

2. That rejection of the rule or regulation will save the jobs of tens of thousands of Floridians, and of thousands of Nassau County citizens, will maintain the high quality of fish and shrimp at our markets, avoid an increase in the national trade deficit,


and will reduce the pressure to line Florida's shores with condominiums.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



THOMAS D. BRANAN
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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