

RESOLUTION 94- 140

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE BANNING OF NET USE BY THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY IN NASSAU COUNTY AND STATE OF FLORIDA WATERS.

WHEREAS, the seafood industry is a vital part of the economy of Nassau County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County is the birthplace of the shrimping industry, which is vital to the economy of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, "banning the nets" in Nassau County will have a devastating effect on the economic, sociological, and political lives of those citizens whose livelihood depends on commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, such a ban in the waters of the State of Florida will put thousands of people on the welfare rolls and will have devastating effects on wholesalers, packers, shippers, retailers, and restaurants who deal in seafood products; and

WHEREAS, people who do not have boats and who depend on seafood markets to purchase their seafood will not be able to buy fresh Florida seafood but must purchase seafood that is imported from foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, there are alternatives available for regulation of the commercial fishing industry, other than banning the use of nets; and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations affecting the seafood industry are not of a constitutional dimension and should not be included in the Florida Constitution; and

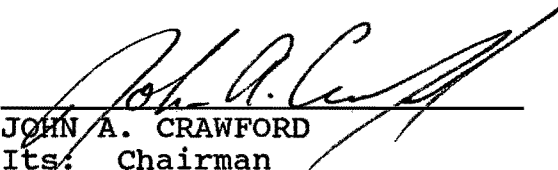
WHEREAS, these matters should be properly addressed by the Florida Legislature's enactment of state statutes, or formal actions of local governments on a regional basis in cooperation with agencies such as the Marine Fishing Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 23^d day of May, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. The State Legislature should address the issue of rules and regulations regulating to commercial net fishing.


2. The State Legislature should address the matter legislatively, not by constitutional provisions or amendments.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



T. J. GREESON
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN