

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING )  
THE SARATOGA PASSAGE AND )  
ADMIRALTY INLET ) RESOLUTION NO. C-126-03  
MARINE STEWARDSHIP AREAS )**

**WHEREAS**, the waters of Island County provide one of the richest marine habitats and most scenic vistas in the US, and need to be identified, recognized and preserved,

**WHEREAS**, a majority of Island County's inside waters lie between its two main populated islands, Whidbey and Camano, and serve as a pathway for marine traffic, both commercial and pleasure craft, as well as many species of migrating fish and mammals,

**WHEREAS**, the outside waters west of Whidbey Island are a major corridor of commercial marine traffic and an important salmon fishery,

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon those citizens of Island County and other persons who use and enjoy this great natural resource to recognize and respect these unique bodies of water,

**WHEREAS**, the Murray-Metcalf Commission of 1997 set forth specific benchmarks by which to measure progress in protecting the marine resource, and called upon the Northwest Straits Commission and Marine Resources Committees to achieve science-based zones of marine protection, **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Island County Commissioners, to meet the goals of the Murray-Metcalf Commission to protect the waters, from Deception Pass on the north to Possession Point on the south that lie east of Whidbey Island will be known as the "Saratoga Passage Marine Stewardship Area," while those waters to the immediate west of Whidbey Island will be known as the "Admiralty Inlet Marine Stewardship Area." These marine areas will enjoy all the protections that are already in place to safeguard the waters, marine life, plant life and surrounding shores and beaches, and should be the focus of additional educational efforts to encourage greater care and understanding by citizens and visitors.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_22nd\_\_\_ day of December\_\_\_\_. 2003.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**WM. L. MCDOWELL, CHAIRMAN**

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**WILLIAM J. BYRD, MEMBER**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELAINE MARLOW  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**MIKE SHELTON, MEMBER**