

SB 678

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR PORT OF ASTORIA

Port of Astoria Support Resolution for)
Passage of Senate Bill 678) RESOLUTION 2019-02
M/V Salvage Chief Emergency Restoration)

WHEREAS, the Port of Astoria is a Public Body with Jurisdictional Oversight of The Columbia River including the Mouth of The Columbia River to as far Wauna Mill and is co-responsible for the passage of more than 8 Billion US Dollars of goods and Products on the Columbia River as well as Emergency Preparedness in its Port District AND

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, the Department of Defense and Local and State Emergency Professionals recognize the Impending Cascadia Disaster will collapse the Astoria Megler and Longview Bridges in a 8.0 or above Seismic Event creating a Horrible Disaster, with No Plan of immediate Recovery AND

WHEREAS, outside of the M/V Salvage Chief and possible Navy Resources, other resources to immediately attend to this huge disaster is not expected for weeks or maybe several months away AND

WHEREAS, The Home Ported M/V Salvage Chief, Home Ported in Astoria, Oregon has historically rescued and responded to disasters in the Port District for over 50 Years and is capable of pulling Bridge Sections from the Columbia River with its 6 - 100 Ton Winches and provide power with its 5- 250KW Generators, as well as provide its ability to function as floating Emergency Operations Center AND


WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Legislature has an Opportunity to Pass Senate Bill 678 that will restore Hope to the Rural and Port District in Funding Emergency Repairs to the M/V Salvage Chief AND

WHEREAS, the timing of the proposed Legislation is Critical and Timely and should be funded immediately upon passage as is appropriately written as Senate Bill 678.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Port of Astoria Commission Supports the Passage of Senate Bill 678 and Funding of the Salvage Chief (LSM380) Foundation to "READY The CHIEF" in Emergency Repair of the Vessel to prepare for this Impending Cascadia Disaster and the Saving of Our Citizens Lives, if Necessary

APPROVED this 19 day of February 2019, by the Port of Astoria Board of Commissioners.


Frank Spence, President


Robert Stevens, Secretary