

Flathead Basin Commission Resolution
passed December 20, 2007

Support for conserving the natural and cultural heritage of the North Shore of Flathead Lake

WHEREAS, the Flathead Basin Commission was created by Montana law to protect the existing high quality of waters and other natural resources in the Flathead River Basin, as well as to encourage economic development and the use of the basin's resources to their fullest extent without compromising the present high quality of the basin's aquatic environment; and

WHEREAS, the Flathead Basin Commission recognizes the unique combination of attributes exhibited by the North Shore's farm lands, habitat and natural beauty adjacent to Flathead Lake, one of the cleanest large lakes in temperate areas of the world; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore's special amenities include threatened species, diverse and abundant waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore provides opportunities for public recreation that are becoming less available, including hunting for waterfowl and upland game birds; and

WHEREAS, these natural assets contribute to the Flathead's quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS, various agency and nonprofit organization are working together to explore conservation options and funding sources to develop a practical conservation strategy that can meet the needs of private land owners while conserving the special qualities of the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, numerous North Shore land owners have expressed interest in working with these agencies and organizations to create a conservation strategy for the North Shore;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Flathead Basin Commission hereby expresses support for cooperative conservation efforts for the North Shore of Flathead Lake to protect its waters and wildlife and to sustain the economic and recreational benefits it provides to Flathead Valley residents and visitors.