

RESOLUTION NO. 85-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY EXPRESSING THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PIPELINE PERMIT OR OTHER PERMITS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT FROM THE HOMER SMITH SEAFOOD - SCALLOP PROCESSING PLANT INTO TROUT CREEK OR THE ST. JOHNS RIVER, AND TO CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Homer Smith Seafood - scallop processing plant is located near a residential and recreational neighborhood, and on a recreational waterway; and

WHEREAS, people who live nearby and people who utilize the waterway have on many occasions complained about noxious odors and noise generated by the plant; and

WHEREAS, in regard to the protection of the natural environment people have expressed concern that the water quality of Trout Creek is adversely affected by the effluent discharged by the Homer Smith facility; and

WHEREAS, the water quality of Trout Creek and the St. Johns River is of major importance to all the citizens of St. Johns County, and adjoining counties and such counties have expended huge amounts of public monies to improve the water quality of the St. Johns River; and

WHEREAS, an extended pipeline merely relocates the point of discharge of the wastewater, and effluent should not be discharged into the St. Johns River if it is not safe to discharge it into Trout Creek; and

WHEREAS, the property site of the Homer Smith facility is not a suitable location for a testing ground for an experimental industrial wastewater treatment system in view of the surrounding residential homes, and recreational character of Trout Creek;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County does hereby formally object to the granting by the State of Florida of an easement to Homer Smith d/b/a Homer Smith Seafood, or any other entity, for the purpose of laying a pipeline to discharge large commercial quantities of scallop waste material into the St. Johns River, and further objects

to issuance of any permits for a scallop processing industrial wastewater treatment or disposal system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of the State of Florida, to his cabinet, to the Florida Department of Natural Resources, and to the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation.

THIS RESOLUTION shall become effective as of August 27, 1985.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Ray Walker*
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: *Cheryl Kent*
Deputy Clerk