RESOLUTION NO. 96- 143

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN TO THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, recognizes that the Marine Fisheries Commission does not have a commercial fisherman member; and

WHEREAS, the Net Ban Amendment has had a significant impact on commercial fishermen; and

WHEREAS, many members of the St. Johns County community are commercial fishermen affected by the rules promulgated by the Marine Fisheries Commission; and

WHEREAS, input from a member of the affected community would be valuable to a rule-making commission

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida:

- strongly recommends that the Governor appoint commercial fishermen to the Marine Fisheries Commission, and
- requests that all counties in Florida adopt a similar resolution to encourage the Governor to recognize the interests of commercial fishermen by appointing a commercial fisherman representative to the Marine Fisheries Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 1996, by the Board of County

Commissioners, St. Johns County, Florida.

Chairman, County Commission

Donald Jordan

Secretary to the Board

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKE