

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting on May 14th, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Opposing Sale and Purchase of Rodenticides

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2012, UC Davis and the Integral Ecology Research Center published a study, "Anticoagulant Rodenticides on our Public and Community Lands: Spatial Distribution of Exposure and Poisoning of a Rare Forest Carnivore", revealing that in Humboldt and Trinity County, thirteen of 18 Pacific Fishers studied (72%) were exposed to anticoagulant Rodenticide; and

WHEREAS, the Anticoagulant Rodenticide was the contributing cause of death to three Pacific Fishers in Humboldt County; and all exposures were directly linked to illegal marijuana cultivation sites; and

WHEREAS, Rodenticide poisonings have been documented in at least 25 wildlife species in California including: San Joaquin Kit Foxes, Pacific Fishers, Golden Eagles, Bobcats, Mountain Lions, Black Bears, Coyotes, Gray Foxes, Red Foxes, Cooper's Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Kestrels, Barn Owls, Great Horned Owls, Long-eared Owls, Western Screech Owls, Spotted Owls, Swainson's Hawks, Raccoons, Skunks, Squirrels, Opossums, Turkey Vultures and Crows; and

WHEREAS, the secondary killing of Raptors and other natural rodent predators caused by Rodenticides can actually increase rat populations; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Poison Control Centers annually receives between 12,000 and 15,000 reports of children under the age of six being exposed to Rodenticides; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous ways to mitigate mouse and rat damage to agricultural crops such as placing bowls of fresh water beside gardens; protecting the base of plant stalks with plastic pipe or wire mesh, and using snap traps and havahart traps.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors urges Humboldt County businesses to stop the sale of all products containing the following ten rodenticides: Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Bromethalin, Chlorophacinone, Cholecalciferol, Difenacoum, Difethialone, Diphacinone, Warfarin, and Zinc phosphide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors urges Humboldt County residents to avoid buying products containing the above chemicals, and to use less-toxic rodent control methods.

Date:

Ryan Sundberg, Chairman

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Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____, and the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, TRACY DAMICO, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
Set my hand and affixed the Seal of said
Board of Supervisors.

TRACY DAMICO
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Humboldt, State of California