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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 09-1-28-

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING THE NATURE
CONSERVANCY'S ACQUISITION AND LONG-TERM
CONSERVATION OF THE 193-ACRE RENAGHAN
"BIG CREEK" PROPERTY, LOCATED ALONG THE
CENTRAL COAST BETWEEN FLORENCE AND
YACHATS

WHEREAS, Lane County values the conservation of lands and waters throughout the county that possess critical natural habitats and rare species; and

WHEREAS, the Renaghan property is 193 acres in size and contains designated critical habitat for the federally-threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly and Oregon coastal coho salmon, as well as suitable forest habitat for the federally-threatened marbled murrelet; and

WHEREAS, the Renaghan property is surrounded by public lands, including the Siuslaw National Forest to the north, west, and east and Carl G. Washburne State Park to the south and is identified within a Conservation Opportunity Area as described in Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's *Oregon Conservation Strategy* (2006); and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy is under contract to acquire the Renaghan property in a willing seller transaction and intends to transfer the property to either Oregon State Parks as an addition to Carl G. Washburne State Park, or to the U.S. Forest Service as an addition to the Siuslaw National Forest; and

WHEREAS, regardless of which agency is the long-term owner of the property, the property will be maintained and managed to benefit the conservation values, habitats, and native species of the property; and

WHEREAS, grant funds from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), the federal Coastal Estuary and Land Conservation Program (CELCP), and the federal US Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Land Acquisition Program have been applied for in order to assist with the acquisition; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners fully supports the acquisition of the 193-acre Renaghan "Big Creek" property for the purposes of conserving its significant natural resource values; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners supports the use of OWEB and/or federal grant funds to assist in the completion of this acquisition.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2009

Pete Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date _____ Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL