



Resolution No. 005-98-COE - March 10, 1998

**URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO STRICTLY REGULATE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATIONS.**

WHEREAS, The vast majority of personal watercraft (PWC), are powered by two-stroke motors which emit approximately 25% of their fuel unburned into the air and water; and

WHEREAS, Unburned gasoline contains chemical pollutants which when emitted into air and water may have long-lived toxic effects, including the additive MTBE, which is considered to be a highly dangerous water pollutant; and

WHEREAS, All types of PWC produce noise at levels of 85-105 decibels, which is both annoying to other recreational users and shoreline hikers, bathers and residents, as well as seriously detrimental to near-shore and shoreline wildlife populations, including several endangered species; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued rules in 1997 to cut all recreational boat emissions by 75% by the year 2000; and,

WHEREAS, PWC have an extremely high accident rate and produce hazards to all other recreational water users and possibly marine mammals; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to strictly regulate PWC operations, and to ban their use in sensitive wildlife areas as well as areas used by non-motorized watercraft and swimmers.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its special regular meeting in the Mission District on March 10, 1998.

Christopher Chow  
Commission Secretary

Ayes: Commissioners Eng, Evans, Krefting, Okamoto, Richardson, Russell, and Vietor.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.