

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF HONORING THE LIFE)	RESOLUTION NO. 24-5444
AND LEGACY BOB SALLINGER)	Introduced by Councilor Juan Carlos
)	Gonzalez

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger participated in and provided his stellar natural resource expertise to countless Metro advisory committees over a span of decades; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger was a key leader in developing regional Titles 3 and 13 in Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, leading to the protection of thousands of acres of regionally significant fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger worked tirelessly on Metro's Parks and Nature bond measures and levies for 3 decades, increasing public investment in regional conservation priorities; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger helped create, provided enduring support for, and robustly participated in Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods Program; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger also worked tirelessly to pass Metro's Affordable Housing bond measures and levies as he was a strong proponent of healthy, complete communities; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger helped spearhead the development of a Regional Conservation Strategy and Biodiversity Guide for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Region and co-authored the landmark regional conservation strategy summary; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger served as an inaugural board member of The Intertwine Alliance, an organization dedicated to building a coalition to preserve and nurture a healthy regional system of parks, trails and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger led the effort to prevent development of 1,000 acres of regionally significant habitat on West Hayden Island, thereby creating the opportunity to add the iconic island to the region's system of parks, trails and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger helped create and grow the Backyard Habitat Certification Program with a focus on integrating nature into the built landscape and increasing the connectivity of Metro's regional system; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger advocated strongly to ensure Metro's transportation system work was done in synchrony with its natural resource program; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sallinger was a resolute friend of, and an expert resource to, Metro's staff and council across decades; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Metro recognizes, and hails, Bob Sallinger's invaluable contributions to the parks, trails and natural areas system and ecological health of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region, mourns his passing, expresses its deepest sympathy to his family, and commemorates his legacy in Greater Portland as a titan of conservation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of November 2024.

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Lynn Peterson

Lynn Peterson, Council President

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-5444 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HONORING THE
LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB SALLINGER

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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an opportunity for the Metro Council to honor and memorialize the positive impact Bob Sallinger, long-time environmental advocate and conservation champion, has made to Greater Portland.

ACTION REQUESTED

Consideration and vote on Resolution No. 24-5444

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Approval of this resolution which is supported by a coalition of environmental and conservation community leaders would recognize the scope of Bob Sallinger's leadership, environmental stewardship and multi-decades long engagement with Metro on our region's parks and nature system.

BACKGROUND

Metro recognizes that the ongoing parks and natural areas investments to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for people to experience nature close to home would not be possible without the support of community driven efforts to sustain these investments and expand our more than 11,000 acres of natural areas. Bob Sallinger was a key figure and driving force behind many of these investments.

For more than three decades, Bob's tireless advocacy as an accomplished conservationist and visionary as executive director of the Bird Alliance of Oregon (formerly Portland Audubon Society) and Willamette Riverkeepers has had generational impacts across the state working to protect urban natural areas, restore urban waterways and floodplains, increase urban tree canopy, cleanup of brownfield sites and advancing wildlife-friendly policies and programs through local funding measures and legislation. Statewide, Bob played a significant role in the protection of the Elliott State Forest and the Private Forest Accords, which increased riparian protections across more than 10 million acres of private forestland in Oregon.

Locally, Bob has been instrumental in mobilizing community in support of the Metro bond and levy renewals to continue investment in habitat restoration, improving existing natural areas and parks and expanding programming that prioritized reaching underserved communities. Greater Portland will be forever grateful for Bob's dedication and service in helping shape our natural areas vision for generations to come.

ATTACHMENTS

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