

**Resolution of the City of Newport Beach
Endorsing a program to reduce copper discharges
Into Newport Harbor**

Whereas, copper concentrations have been identified to be at levels that impact beneficial uses throughout Newport Harbor, and

Whereas, copper concentrations have been proven to exceed USEPA mandated sediment and water criteria in many parts of the harbor, and

Whereas, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board is in the process of developing a Total Maximum Daily Load for Newport Harbor focused on reductions of copper discharges into the harbor, and

Whereas, Aquatic life has been proven to be adversely impacted by copper concentration found in the harbor, and

Whereas, healthy marine habitats in the harbor contribute to a sustainable local economic vitality from recreational fishing and beneficial uses to citizens, and

Whereas, copper contained in vessel anti-fouling bottom paint has been proven to be the primary source of copper deposition to the harbor, and

Whereas, the city of Newport Beach is participating in an education program to inform boat owners of the viable and cost effective copper-free anti-fouling paint options available, and

Now, Be it Resolved: The Newport Beach City Council hereby adopts a resolution recommending that boat owners voluntary use non toxic vessel bottom paint for vessels moored and docked throughout Newport Harbor. The City Council hereby encourages boat owners to act proactively by taking advantage of educational and outreach opportunities available to identify non toxic alternative anti-fouling paint for future use.