

Resolution regarding Climate Change

WHEREAS, scientists confirm that human activity is increasing atmospheric, land, and ocean temperatures, and changing Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, serious effects from climate change are occurring, such as extreme weather events, glaciers melting, loss of sea ice, accelerated sea-level rise, ocean acidification, ice on waterways breaking up early, shifts in plant and animal ranges, longer and more intense heat waves, and increased wildfires; and

WHEREAS, scientists have high confidence that global temperatures will continue to rise for decades to come, resulting in increased risk of drought, fire, floods, and storm damage; and

WHEREAS, Washington State and Clallam County are projected to suffer significant losses, primarily due to wetter, warmer winters, warmer summers, and increased ocean acidification, resulting in increased flooding, water supply issues, and increased wildfire frequency and intensity, infrastructure damage, potential health problems, and shellfish and anadromous fish stress;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clallam County Democratic Party support candidates who commit to timely, meaningful action to reduce climate-disrupting activities and impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the offices of each of the county's local, federal and state elected representatives.

Resolution as adopted and amended, April 12, 2014.