

PROCLAMATION

WORLD OCEANS WEEK IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD OCEANS DAY AWARENESS JUNE 1 - 8/2013

WHEREAS: in 2009 the United Nations proclaimed June 8th to be World

Oceans Day each year around the world; and

WHEREAS: since 1992 Canada played a key role in the United Nations

recognizing World Oceans Day; and

WHEREAS: World Oceans Week Canada was founded to encourage all

Canadians to honour, celebrate, protect and preserve our waterways and oceans as well as the habitat along and in our waterways and oceans where 80% of the oxygen we breathe is

generated; and

WHEREAS: World Oceans Week Canada has designated June 1 to June 8 as

World Oceans Week in Canada; and

WHEREAS: World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to take action to

> conserve water, preserve waterways and shorelines, reduce emissions, reduce their carbon footprint and protect the habitat

along and in our waterways; and

WHEREAS World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to help our

marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim June 1 - 8, 2013, as WORLD OCEANS WEEK in our City and encourage the residents of Nanaimo to actively conserve, preserve and protect our waterways,

oceans and habit.

John Ruttan

MAYOR

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.