

1 **Resolution Concerning Expansion of Vessel Transport of**
2 **Canadian Tar Sands and Bitumen**

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4 **WHEREAS** Canadian Tar Sands (also known as bitumen and diluted bitumen) are
5 transported by tanker through Georgia Strait, Boundary Pass, Haro Strait, and the Strait
6 of Juan de Fuca;

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8 **WHEREAS** Kinder Morgan has submitted an application to Canada's National Energy
9 Board for their Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project, increasing the amount of
10 Canadian Tar Sands exports from 300,000 barrels per day to 890,000 barrels per day;
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13 **WHEREAS** Kinder Morgan's annual tanker transits through Georgia Strait, Boundary
14 Pass, Haro Strait, and the Strait of Juan de Fuca will increase from an estimated 142 in
15 2010 to up to 816 if the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project is approved; and

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17 **WHEREAS** the United States Coast Guard Vice Admiral Paul Zukunft says technology
18 lacking to clean up tar sands spills;

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democrats, oppose the
21 existing and any increases in the vessel transport of Canadian Tar Sands bitumen and
22 diluted bitumen until there is an additional rescue tug stationed in Haro Strait and spill
23 response technology and trained personnel capable of cleaning up a spill of bitumen
24 and diluted bitumen are ready to respond; and

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be
27 transmitted to the Washington State Congressional Delegation along with a request for
28 response within thirty days of receipt, listing the actions they are willing to take to
29 support this resolution or a list of the reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.
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32 Submitted by the San Juan County Democrats to the 2014 Washington State Democratic
33 Convention. (Date Submitted 4/12/2014)

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35 The Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment amended this resolution at their
36 May 18th meeting.

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38 The Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment recommended that this resolution
39 be passed as amended at their May 18th meeting.

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41 The Platform Committee affirmed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Energy
42 and the Environment at their May 31st meeting.

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44 The 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 21,

45 2014.