

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4043**

54th Legislature  
1996 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 23, 1996  
Yeas 91 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 1, 1996  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4043** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Pennington, Basich, Fuhrman, Hatfield, Regala, Johnson, Robertson, Jacobsen, Hankins, Morris, Buck, Beeksma, Smith, Pelesky, Hargrove, Schoesler, Foreman, Hickel, Mitchell, Silver, Blanton, Ballasiotes, Carrell, Mulliken, Radcliff, Skinner, Hymes, Goldsmith, McMahan, Linville, D. Sommers, Conway, Scheuerman, Keiser, McMorris and Stevens

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
7 represent and petition as follows:

8            WHEREAS, The proposed conference mark for Mitchell Act funds is  
9 three and one-half million dollars less than the previous fiscal year;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, This proposed cut to Mitchell Act funds is in addition to  
12 cuts to this fund source over the past several years; and

13           WHEREAS, The Mitchell Act was created to mitigate for the loss of  
14 naturally spawning salmon due to the federal power system developed on  
15 the Columbia River; and

16           WHEREAS, A reduction in Mitchell Act funds will significantly  
17 reduce the quantity of hatchery-produced salmon produced in the  
18 Columbia River; and

19           WHEREAS, Reduced Mitchell Act funding will make it significantly  
20 more difficult to enter into an equitable treaty with Canada under the

1 United States/Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty and will result in increased  
2 levels of wild salmon being harvested by Canadian fishers; and

3 WHEREAS, Commercial fishing families already hard hit by the  
4 effects of adverse ocean conditions, endangered species act  
5 restrictions, and recent natural disasters will be dealt yet another  
6 blow if full Mitchell Act funding is not restored; and

7 WHEREAS, Local economies dependent on cash inflow from recreational  
8 fishing activity will also be severely impacted by the effects of  
9 reduced Mitchell Act funding; and

10 WHEREAS, Federal funding for fish hatcheries on the Columbia River  
11 are of critical importance to the states of Washington, Oregon, and  
12 Idaho;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that full  
14 Mitchell Act funding of eighteen and one-half million dollars be  
15 restored.

16 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
17 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
18 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
19 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
20 State of Washington.

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