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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4026** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By Representatives Doumit, Buck, Anderson, Sump, Eickmeyer, Hatfield
and Schoesler

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Resources.

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, AND TO THE UNITED STATES
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, AND TO THE UNITED
6 STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION:

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

10 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has embarked on a major salmon
11 recovery effort as reflected in significant legislation enacted in 1998
12 and 1999; and

13 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has formulated a state-wide
14 strategy to recover salmon; and

15 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has spent and is prepared to spend
16 millions of dollars to protect and restore salmon populations; and

17 WHEREAS, The state of Washington is aggressively pursuing salmon
18 recovery through a comprehensive undertaking in partnerships with
19 federal agencies, Indian tribal nations, local governments, nonprofit
20 organizations, and others; and

1 WHEREAS, The national marine fisheries service has listed under the
2 federal endangered species act a number of salmon species that live in
3 evolutionarily significant units within Washington state; and

4 WHEREAS, Predation by certain migratory birds such as the Caspian
5 Tern is widely viewed as a significant issue for recovery of listed
6 fish species throughout Washington inland and coastal waters; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal migratory bird treaty act of 1918, 16 U.S.C.A.
8 Sec. 703 et seq., has proven ineffective in managing migratory bird
9 predation on salmonids; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington's efforts toward salmon recovery, while
11 addressing nearly all the factors that have led to the decline of
12 salmon, cannot currently, because of federal law, effectively address
13 predation by these migratory birds; and

14 WHEREAS, Public confidence and support of Washington's salmon
15 recovery efforts will be diminished unless the interaction among
16 migratory birds and salmonid populations is better understood and site-
17 specific conflicts are addressed;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
19 pass legislation that amends the federal migratory bird treaty act of
20 1918, 16 U.S.C.A. Sec. 703 et seq., to provide a more effective means
21 to allow for the protection and restoration of salmonid populations.

22 Congress is further urged to:

23 (1) Fund joint federal and state research on migratory and resident
24 predatory bird interactions with salmonids, especially site-specific
25 investigations to determine the significance of migratory and resident
26 bird predation on adult and juvenile salmonids for stock recovery, and
27 to develop a cohesive conservation plan that balances protection of
28 both migratory and resident birds and salmonids;

29 (2) Grant at least limited management authority for state and
30 federal agencies to remove those migratory and resident birds preying
31 on listed fish stocks at areas of restricted fish passage;

32 (3) Prohibit the relocation of predatory bird nesting areas that
33 could result in shifting predation to salmonid stocks that need
34 recovery in other geographic areas.

35 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
36 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
37 United States, the United States House of Representatives Committee on
38 Resources, the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
39 Transportation, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker

1 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
2 State of Washington.

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