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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 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 Endangered Species Act listings of threatened or
9 endangered salmon and trout species on the Columbia River has required
10 and will require significant changes in human activities and
11 considerable expense in order to achieve recovery of those salmonid
12 populations; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal government management agencies participate in
14 managing and regulating Columbia River fish resources, offshore
15 commercial and recreational fishing, hydroelectric generation and
16 distribution, water quality, irrigation, marine mammals, navigation,
17 flood prevention, migratory waterfowl, Indian treaty rights, and a
18 number of other vital activities that impact the people that depend
19 upon the Columbia River; and

20 WHEREAS, State and local governments, tribal governments, and
21 citizens who have responsibilities to implement fish recovery measures

1 often have difficulty determining the federal policies that apply to
2 their activities, and sometimes the federal policy from one agency may
3 contradict or be in conflict with another agency; and

4 WHEREAS, State and local governments, tribal governments, and
5 citizens will be better able to respond to federal mandates if they
6 know the federal requirements and the requirements are consistent among
7 federal agencies, and the performance standards used to judge progress
8 are easily understood; and

9 WHEREAS, Communication between state, local, tribal, and federal
10 entities would be improved if a single federal contact person was
11 appointed to serve the regions' interests and further salmon recovery
12 to the fullest extent and such a proposal was recently approved by the
13 governors of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, Your memorialists respectfully pray that the
15 President appoint a person to oversee the multifederal agency salmon
16 and trout recovery effort in the Columbia River region, and that this
17 person serve as a regular point of contact for citizens and state,
18 tribal, and local governments.

19 BE IT RESOLVED, That Congress provide sufficient funding to enable
20 the creation and operation of a federal multiagency contact person for
21 Columbia River salmon and trout recovery, and that the contact person
22 be empowered to report to Congress and the President on the salmon
23 recovery funding, cooperation, and regulatory needs of the Columbia
24 River watershed;

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
26 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
27 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
28 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
29 Washington.

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