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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 manage and regulate  
14 Columbia River fish resources, offshore commercial and recreational  
15 fishing, hydroelectric generation and distribution, water quality,  
16 irrigation, marine mammals, navigation, flood prevention, migratory  
17 waterfowl, Indian treaty rights, and a number of other vital activities  
18 that impact the people that depend upon the Columbia River; and

19 WHEREAS, State and local governments, tribal governments, and  
20 citizens who have responsibilities to implement fish recovery measures  
21 often have difficulty determining the federal policies that apply to

1 their activities, and sometimes the federal policy from one agency may  
2 contradict or be in conflict with another agency; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Communication between state, local, tribal, and federal  
9 entities would be improved if a single federal contact person was  
10 appointed to serve the regions' interests and further salmon recovery  
11 to the fullest extent;

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

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

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

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