

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4603, by Representative Upthegrove

WHEREAS, Recreational boating improves quality of life, provides recreational opportunities, presents the opportunity for bonding with family and friends, reduces stress, and allows people to enjoy Washington state's beautiful outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Washington state is rich in both marine and inland waters; and

WHEREAS, Washington state is a national leader in recreational boating activities; and

WHEREAS, One in every ten Washington households owns a boat and sixty-eight percent of Washingtonians go boating; and

WHEREAS, Recreational watercraft include canoes and kayaks to powered and sailing yachts; and

WHEREAS, Recreational boating activities include fishing, cruising, racing, wildlife watching, water skiing, sailing, and just exploring; and

WHEREAS, Recreational boaters understand the importance of serving as stewards of Washington's marine environment; and

WHEREAS, Boating activities fuel tourism, retail sales, create jobs, and generate revenue for Washington state;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognizes the many contributions of recreational boating to Washington's economy and quality of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrates recreational boating in Washington state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Northwest Marine Trade Association, Northwest Yacht Brokers Association, and Recreational Boating Association of Washington.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4603 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 21, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk