

SENATE RESOLUTION
8611

By Senators Warnick, Parlette, Hatfield, and Rolfes

1 WHEREAS, Phil Anderson was appointed Acting Director of the
2 Department of Fish and Wildlife in December 2008, was formally
3 appointed Director of the Department in September 2009, and has
4 served tirelessly in both positions; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil has worked closely with the Fish and Wildlife
6 Commission to establish and implement management policies that
7 conserve state resources while optimizing recreational and commercial
8 opportunities for the citizens of Washington; and

9 WHEREAS, Under Phil's leadership, agency personnel developed
10 strong and constructive relationships with two governors, legislative
11 leaders, and their staffs; and

12 WHEREAS, Phil's insistence on logical, consistent, and
13 transparent decision making has set a great example for agency staff
14 and has resulted in improved, defensible policies; and

15 WHEREAS, Phil worked hard to increase the involvement of
16 stakeholders in agency decisions by improving and emphasizing the use
17 of advisory groups, and was willing to go almost anywhere at any time
18 to listen to the public; and

19 WHEREAS, As a representative on the Pacific Salmon Commission and
20 Pacific Fishery Management Council, Phil's strong leadership,
21 understanding of complex issues, and superb negotiating skills have
22 greatly influenced the development of policies and laws that will
23 balance conservation and fishing opportunities for salmon in the
24 United States and Canada for years to come; and

25 WHEREAS, As Director, Phil has worked tirelessly to balance the
26 challenging mandate of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, which
27 includes preserving and protecting fish and wildlife resources and
28 enhancing and improving recreational and commercial fishing in
29 Washington; and

30 WHEREAS, Phil led the Department of Fish and Wildlife during much
31 of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan development process and
32 the reemergence of the gray wolf into Washington, working earnestly
33 and thoughtfully in addressing a number of difficult and
34 controversial wolf-management situations; and

1 WHEREAS, Phil maintained and enhanced relationships with
2 tribal governments thanks to his unique understanding of treaty
3 rights and experience in working with tribal leaders to reach
4 mutually acceptable outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil's open communication with staff and frequent
6 visits to regional offices restored confidence and trust in the
7 director's office and helped the agency continue to carry out
8 its mission during an unprecedented state budget shortfall;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
10 Senate commend and honor Department of Fish and Wildlife
11 Director Phil Anderson for his commitment to our natural
12 resources and his service to the citizens of Washington; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
14 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
15 Director Phil Anderson.

16 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8611,
19 adopted by the Senate
20 January 30, 2015

21 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
22 Secretary of the Senate