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By Representatives R. King, Basich and Orr

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 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 wild salmon and steelhead resources of the Columbia  
9 river are in decline, and one stock, the Snake river sockeye salmon,  
10 has been listed as endangered by National Marine Fisheries Service; and

11            WHEREAS, The federally funded Mitchell act hatchery facilities  
12 existing on the Columbia river and its tributaries may be critical for  
13 wild stock supplementation; and

14            WHEREAS, The federally funded Mitchell act hatchery facilities  
15 existing on the Columbia river and its tributaries are currently the

1 source of almost all commercial salmon harvest from the Columbia river  
2 system; and

3 WHEREAS, These facilities are in a state of disrepair, and require  
4 Congressional appropriation for ongoing maintenance and capital  
5 improvements;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
7 Congress appropriate sufficient funds during the upcoming session to  
8 adequately fund operations and capital improvements for Mitchell act  
9 facilities from which hatchery salmon do not negatively impact wild  
10 salmon stocks in the states of Washington and Oregon.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
12 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United  
13 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State  
15 of Washington.