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By Senators Warnick, Parlette, and Hatfield

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

1 balance conservation and fishing opportunities for salmon in the
2 United States and Canada for years to come; and

3 WHEREAS, As Director, Phil has worked tirelessly to balance the
4 challenging mandate of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, which
5 includes preserving and protecting fish and wildlife resources and
6 enhancing and improving recreational and commercial fishing in
7 Washington; and

8 WHEREAS, Phil led the Department of Fish and Wildlife during much
9 of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan development process and
10 the reemergence of the gray wolf into Washington, working earnestly
11 and thoughtfully in addressing a number of difficult and
12 controversial wolf-management situations; and

13 WHEREAS, Phil maintained and enhanced relationships with tribal
14 governments thanks to his unique understanding of treaty rights and
15 experience in working with tribal leaders to reach mutually
16 acceptable outcomes; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
22 commend and honor Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Phil
23 Anderson for his commitment to our natural resources and his service
24 to the citizens of Washington; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
26 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Director
27 Phil Anderson.

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