

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4003**

53rd Legislature  
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Yeas 95 Nays 2

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 8, 1993  
Yeas 44 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4003** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Mastin, Rayburn, Lisk, Sheahan, Grant, Bray, Ludwig, Chandler, Schoesler, Ballard, Foreman, Roland, Edmondson, Lemmon and Hansen

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1            TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, 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, AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
5 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE  
6 ARMY FOR CIVIL WORKS:

7            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
9 represent and petition as follows:

10           WHEREAS, As many as fifteen million wild salmon used to return  
11 annually to the Columbia-Snake River system; and

12           WHEREAS, Currently only about two million five hundred thousand  
13 salmon return each year; and

14           WHEREAS, Wild salmon are important to the environmental and  
15 cultural heritage of the citizens of the State of Washington; and

16           WHEREAS, Certain species of salmon have been designated as  
17 threatened or endangered under the authority granted by the Federal  
18 Endangered Species Act; and

19           WHEREAS, Fisheries biologists from a variety of disciplines have  
20 identified a range of causes of mortality at each stage of the salmon's

1 life cycle, and have agreed that recovery measures must address causes  
2 of mortality at each stage of the life cycle; and

3 WHEREAS, Your Memorialists recognize that successful implementation  
4 of the comprehensive regional salmon recovery plan will require  
5 sacrifices by all economic stakeholders and substantial investment by  
6 the citizens of the region; and

7 WHEREAS, The Columbia-Snake River system provides substantial  
8 economic benefits to the citizens of the State of Washington in the  
9 areas of agriculture, navigation, fisheries, energy, industry,  
10 recreation, and flood control; and

11 WHEREAS, Stream flow augmentation is generally believed to provide  
12 biological benefits to migrating salmon, but there is continued  
13 uncertainty regarding the biological benefits to salmon of flow  
14 augmentation achieved by drawing down reservoir levels below minimum  
15 operating pool; and

16 WHEREAS, Drawdowns below minimum operating pool on the Snake River,  
17 conducted in March 1992 for the limited purpose of evaluating impact to  
18 physical structures and facilities, caused the loss of resident fish,  
19 altered wildlife habitat, and increased risks of predation, disrupted  
20 navigation, and caused physical property damage to public and private  
21 facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Salmon migrating upstream to spawn are unable to pass  
23 through fish ladder systems when reservoirs are maintained at levels  
24 substantially below minimum operating pool; and

25 WHEREAS, Drawing down Columbia-Snake River system reservoirs below  
26 minimum operating pool for extended periods causes substantial economic  
27 impacts, including increased costs for Washington's agricultural  
28 producers and shippers which jeopardize their ability to compete in  
29 global markets; and

30 WHEREAS, Maintaining reservoir levels at minimum operating pool,  
31 with modifications to existing irrigation pump stations on the John Day  
32 reservoir, enables the river system to support critical economic  
33 activity;

34 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
35 officials charged with developing the regional salmon recovery plan  
36 carefully consider the biological needs of endangered salmon species,  
37 and before drawing down reservoirs below minimum operating pool as part  
38 of the regional salmon recovery plan, give the strongest consideration

1 to the economic impact of such drawdowns on the citizens of the State  
2 of Washington; and

3 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
4 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
5 States, the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, the  
6 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the President of the  
7 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
8 each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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