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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8206**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Braun, Takko, Pearson, Fortunato, Schoesler, Bailey, Warnick, Angel, Rivers, Walsh, and Becker

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section to read as follows:

Article I, section . . .. (1) The right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife:

(a) Is a valued part of Washington's heritage; and

(b) Shall be forever preserved for the public good.

(2) The people have a right, which includes the right to use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject only to the laws prescribed by the legislature and rules prescribed by virtue of the authority of the legislature to:

(a) Promote wildlife conservation and management; and

(b) Preserve the future of hunting and fishing.

(3) Hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

(4) This section may not be construed to limit the application of any provision of law relating to trespass or property rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state.