

MOTION NO. 4052

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2 A MOTION instructing the County's staff
3 representatives to the Washington State
4 Legislature to inform elected officials of
5 the County's policy of supporting the
6 addition of thirty more game protection
7 officers.

8 WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Game, through
9 the Washington State Game Commission, is charged with the
10 statewide responsibility of regulating the propagation and
11 preservation of all game animals and game fish, and

12 WHEREAS, King County has and will continue to have policy
13 concerns regarding the activities of the Department of Game by
14 virtue of the extensive and varied recreational areas under the
15 enforcement jurisdiction of the state or the state and county
16 jointly, and

17 WHEREAS, currently the Washington State Legislature is
18 reviewing the recommendations of the Governor's administration
19 for the funding of state agencies, including the Department of
20 Game, for the 1979 - 81 biennium, and

21 WHEREAS, the recommended budget by the Governor's Office of
22 Fiscal Management would result in the reduction of almost two
23 million dollars of needed personnel and services not being
24 funded, including the equivalent of fifty-nine requested
25 full-time positions, and

26 WHEREAS, because of the lack of personnel and other requests
27 for funds not being recommended by the Governor's administration
28 four wildlife recreation areas would have to be closed, research
29 programs of the department would be terminated; and the current
30 force of wildlife agents, partially funded currently through
31 federal funds, would be reduced by twenty-four agents, and

32 WHEREAS, the Department of Game has stated that staff has
33 not increased in the last twenty-five years, and

WHEREAS, the department offers that annually \$1.1 billion
is spent by citizens in enjoyment of game types of recreation and

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1 that therefore, each dollar spent on resource management returns
2 sixty-seven dollars to the state's economy, and

3 WHEREAS, with wildlife oriented recreation increasing each
4 year, it is not prudent nor good public policy to reduce the
5 needed resources of the Washington State Department of Game,

6 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

7 1. Because the actions of the Washington State Legislature
8 in approving the budget of the Washington State Department of
9 Game have a direct impact on the use and enjoyment of wildlife
10 oriented activities and resource management in King County.

11 2. Because the current proposed budget of the department by
12 the Governor's administration poses clear doubts as to whether
13 the department can continue to effectively manage wildlife
14 resources statewide.

15 The County's staff representatives to the Washington State
16 Legislature are instructed to transmit to the legislators, King
17 County's support and request tht the original budget, proposed
18 by the department, be adopted by the Legislature.

19 PASSED this 12th day of March, 1979.

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21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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23 *Ruby Chow*
24 Chairman

25 ATTEST:

26 *Jessie M. Owen*
27 Deputy Clerk of the Council
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