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MOTION NO. _ 5873

A MOTION authorizing the King County Executive to issue a local proclamation of emergency declaring that the King County commercial salmon fishing industry is an economic disaster.

WHEREAS, Washington State fishermen are facing the most disastrous salmon season in recent memory. The amount of salmon caught has declined precipitously from previous years; and

WHEREAS, the fish that have been caught have generally been much smaller in size and weight than would be expected in normal fishing years. This situation is due in large part to an ocean condition known as "El Nino," which is characterized by a lack of ocean upwellings and high water temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the disastrous salmon season in 1983 has resulted in substantial and unrecoverable economic loss and impact on the commercial salmon industry within King County;

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

The King County Executive is authorized to issue a local proclamation of emergency declaring that the commercial salmon fishing industry in King County is an economic disaster as a result of the "El Nino" oceanic condition.

PASSED this 21st day of November, 1983.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council