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MOTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A MOTION relating to the newly created Puget Sound Water Quality Authority and the King County Council recognizing the need for cooperation and coordination in the effort to renew and preserve the water quality of Puget Sound.

WHEREAS, the 1985 Washington State Legislature declared that Puget Sound is a unique and unparalled resource that has suffered degradation due to a diversity of uses coupled with the fact that many governments of limited jurisdictions are unable to address the cumulative long-range impacts on the Sound, and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority was created as a single entity to develop a comprehensive plan for the protection of water quality in Puget Sound, to be implemented by existing state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, ninety-two percent of King County's population resides in urban areas and King County is the most urbanized and populated county in Washington, including twenty-eight incorporated cities and towns, covering over 2,235 square miles with Puget Sound shaping the western limits, and

WHEREAS, King County contains an abundance of streams, rivers, and creeks, in addition to rural areas, forest lands, wetlands and aquifers that are part of the Puget Sound drainage basin, and

WHEREAS, the King County council wishes to assure that communities and local governments actively participate in the development of the Puget Sound Management Plan, rather than reacting to a "fait accompli," and

WHEREAS, King County government has a history of protection of our environmental quality and has resource management experience and expertise, and

WHEREAS, King County has broad, general purpose powers and responsibilities relating to land use/development, water basin/surface water management, shorelines management, agricultural preservation, solid and hazardous waste, public works improvement programs, wetland and sensitive area preservation, and has updated its comprehensive land use plan in 1985.

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

2 A. We support and endorse the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority's  
3 efforts to identify and prioritize the critically sensitive actions necessary  
4 to achieve the long term goals of renewing and preserving the water quality of  
5 Puget Sound,

6 B. We urge the Authority to develop their recommendations in cooperation  
7 with local governments.

8 C. We suggest the creation of a local government clearinghouse to  
9 recognize model innovative programs, and to provide for the exchange of new  
10 ideas and programs which have been community tested.

11 D. We encourage the Authority to reduce the duplication of federal, state  
12 and local efforts related to Puget Sound by clarifying who is responsible  
13 for the implementation, monitoring, prevention and clean-up of the elements  
14 in the proposed comprehensive Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan  
15 scheduled to be completed by January 1, 1987.

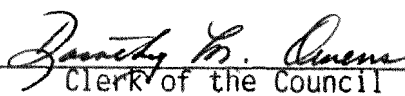
16 E. We pledge the continuing participation and cooperation of King County  
17 throughout the life of the Authority.

18 PASSED this 16th day of December 1985.

19 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
20 King County, Washington

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22 Chairman

23 ATTEST:

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26 Clerk of the Council