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A MOTION stating King County's support for actions necessary to reverse the decline of salmonids in Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish, and suggesting the establishment of a task force to oversee such actions.

WHEREAS, many populations of salmonids in Lake Washington, particularly sockeye salmon, have declined significantly in recent years for reasons that are not well understood, and

WHEREAS, historically, the run of sockeye salmon in the Cedar River has been the largest within the contiguous United States, and

WHEREAS, populations of salmonids in Lake Sammamish have also declined in recent years, and

WHEREAS, Lake Sammamish and Lake Washington are connected water bodies, and

WHEREAS, the preservation of local salmonid populations is important to the economic, recreational and cultural interests of the general public in King County and, in particular, of local Native American tribes, and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local agencies have responsibilities that bear on the health of local salmonid populations and have interests affected by any large-scale efforts to preserve and restore those populations, and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Fisheries, in conjunction with other responsible agencies and governments, has proposed a study of a variety of factors that might be contributing to the decline of the salmonid populations of Lake Washington and its tributaries, and

WHEREAS, any such study would best be undertaken with the oversight of parties interested in its conduct, results and recommendations, and

1 WHEREAS, determining the reasons for the decline of
2 salmonids in Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish and undertaking
3 actions necessary to their preservation and restoration will
4 require a long-term commitment of resources from a variety of
5 agencies and governments;

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

7 A. King County supports efforts to determine the reasons
8 for the decline of salmonid populations in Lake Washington and
9 Lake Sammamish.

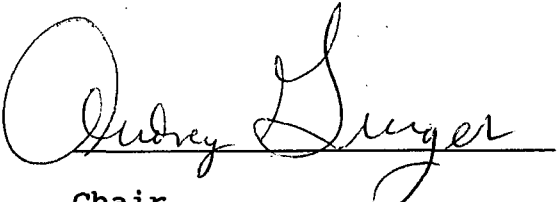
10 B. King County requests that all agencies and governments
11 concerned by these issues consider the formation of a task
12 force or other appropriate group structure to direct and
13 oversee the work necessary to reverse the decline of these
14 salmonids.

15 C. Such an oversight group might include representatives
16 from state and federal agencies, King County, local Native
17 American tribal government, sports and commercial fishing
18 interests, cities within the Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish
19 basins, community groups and other interested parties.


1 D. King County is committed to consider appropriate
2 methods for it to share in the financial support of such an
3 oversight group in its 1994 budget.

4 PASSED this 23rd day of August, 1993.

5 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
6 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

7 
8 Chair

9 ATTEST:

10 
11 Clerk of the Council

12 Attachments:
13 None