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MOTION NO 35 7

A MOTION relating to citizens' advice on preserving and enhancing the fish habitat in the King County region.

WHEREAS, on July 22, 1994 the Metropolitan King County council conducted a special hearing on the region's fishing industry, and

WHEREAS, the testimony highlighted that loss of habitat was a major cause of the dramatic decline of certain fish stocks which resulted in the 1994 closures of the salmon fishery in numerous major fishing areas in Washington State, and

WHEREAS, the county has benefited in the past and will continue to benefit from the advice of experts and interested citizens on water resource issues, and

WHEREAS, the county has existing citizens' advisory committees which could address fish habitat, particularly, the Citizens' Advisory Committee of surface water management division, the Citizens' Water Quality Advisory Committee of the water pollution control department and the Open Space Advisory Committee of the department of parks, planning and resources, and

WHEREAS, dividing the critical issue of fish habitat among various citizens' advisory committees could result in recommendations that are less comprehensive and effective;

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

The Citizens' Advisory Committee of surface water management (SWM) division, the Citizens' Water Quality
Advisory Committee of the water pollution control department (WPCD) and the Open Space Advisory Committee of the department of parks, planning and resources, in conjunction with other citizens' advisory committees, if appropriate, with the assistance of the Executive staff assigned to them, are requested to prepare and transmit to the council, by November 1, 1994, a joint work program to address preserving and enhancing fish habitat in King County.

The Executive is requested to ensure that the reorganization of county government clearly provides for preserving and enhancing fish habitat in King County as part of the mission of the executive agency and the appropriate citizens' advisory committee. Should SWM and WPCD be affected by reorganization, for example, by being placed under a larger umbrella agency, the related citizens' advisory committee shall continue the work program which includes preserving and enhancing fish habitat.

PASSED by a vote of // to 0 this /5 day of august, 1994.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council