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MOTION NO. 9471

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A MOTION supporting both the continued operation of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery and a facilities master plan of the hatchery that could lead to greater use of natural and restored habitat in the upper Issaquah Creek basin by spawning salmon.

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WHEREAS, the historic Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, built by the Works Progress Administration in 1936, is the most visited hatchery in the state and provides an excellent opportunity to educate children and the general public about salmon and their relationship to the region, and

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WHEREAS, Recommendation BW-24 of the Issaquah Creek Basin and Non-Point Action Plan, proposed jointly by King County, the City of Issaquah, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the King Conservation District, recommends that the county "convene a task force composed of all parties with stock or habitat management responsibility for Issaquah Creek to develop a management plan for salmon in the Issaquah Creek watershed" that would address, among other issues, future management practices at the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, and

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WHEREAS, the basin plan also includes ambitious policies to be implemented by King County to protect and restore natural habitat in the upper Issaquah Creek basin, such as

1 substantial restrictions on land clearing for new
2 development, enhanced controls on stormwater runoff and
3 expensive capital improvements, and

4 WHEREAS, much of the existing habitat in the upper
5 Issaquah Creek basin is remarkably good but is underused
6 because of the diversion of spawning salmon to the hatchery,
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8 WHEREAS, the county's protection and restoration of
9 habitat in the upper basin will provide even greater support
10 for increasing the numbers of fish allowed to pass naturally
11 into the upper basin to spawn, which ultimately should help
12 improve the overall health and diversity of fish stocks in
13 the greater Lake Washington watershed, and

14 WHEREAS, continued operation of the Issaquah Salmon
15 Hatchery, modified to allow an increase in the passage of
16 fish into the upper basin to spawn, could provide significant
17 support for these greater watershed goals through public
18 education, research and the recovery of depressed stocks, and

19 WHEREAS, Governor Mike Lowry has included \$268,000 in
20 his proposed 1995-97 operating budget for the Issaquah Salmon
21 Hatchery, and

22 WHEREAS, the governor has also proposed \$150,000 for a
23 facilities master plan for the hatchery, which will primarily
24 consider the production of salmon at the hatchery and the
25 enhancement of natural spawning in the creek and which could
26 work in conjunction with the task force recommended in the
27 Issaquah Creek Basin Plan, and \$500,000 in state matching
28 funds for capital improvements that may be recommended by the
29 master plan, and

1 WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah has adopted a resolution
 2 to provide up to \$500,000 to match state funding to implement
 3 these capital improvements;

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

6 A. King County supports the governor's proposed capital
 7 and operating appropriations for the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery
 8 for 1995-97.

9 B. King County supports the proposed facilities master
 10 plan for the hatchery, which could be performed in
 11 conjunction with the task force recommended in the Issaquah
 12 Creek Basin Plan. The county believes that the hatchery,
 13 through expanding its roles in education, research and the
 14 recovery of depressed stocks while allowing an increase in
 15 the natural passage of fish into the upper basin to spawn,
 16 can provide significant support for the goal of improving the
 17 overall health and diversity of fish stocks in the greater
 18 Lake Washington watershed.

19 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 23rd day of
 20 January, 1995.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23 Kent Pullen
 24 Chair

25 ATTEST:

26 Gerald A. Peterson
 27 Clerk of the Council

28 Attachments:
 29 None