



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 30, 2003

Motion 11813

Proposed No. 2003-0432.3

Sponsors Phillips, Constantine, Edmonds
and Patterson

1 A MOTION calling for the cleanup of existing toxic waste
2 in the Duwamish river, the prevention of future toxic waste
3 from recontaminating the Duwamish river and the proper
4 treatment or disposal of toxic waste.

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 WHEREAS, the Duwamish river was once a river teeming with wild salmon,
8 trout, waterfowl and other aquatic species, and

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10 WHEREAS, in addition to providing critical habitat for a variety of wildlife, the
11 Duwamish river has served as a recreational waterway for citizens and as resource for
 many businesses that contribute to our local economy, and

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 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency designated the
 Duwamish river as a Superfund site, and

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 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has identified thirty-six
 chemicals exceeding cleanup screening levels, including lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium,
 PCBs and zinc, and

17 WHEREAS, a coalition of community groups, environmental organizations,
18 governmental jurisdictions and private companies, including, but not limited to, the
19 Georgetown Community Council, People for Puget Sound, Washington Toxics Coalition,
20 Puget Sound Keeper, Duwamish Tribe, King County, Port of Seattle, city of Seattle and
21 Boeing, have partnered to cooperatively and effectively comply with Environmental
22 Protection Agency clean-up regulations;

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

24 A. It is imperative that swift, appropriate and effective actions be taken to clean
25 up existing toxic waste in the Duwamish river to ensure the long-term health of:

- 26 1. The many fish, wildlife and plant species that depend on the river's
27 ecosystem;
- 28 2. The human populations that live and work near the river; and
- 29 3. The many businesses that are located near the river and depend on the river as
30 a resource;

31 B. In addition to any effort to clean up the Duwamish river, it is critical that new
32 industrial technologies, appropriate regulations and environmental monitoring be utilized
33 to prevent future toxic waste from recontaminating this valuable resource;

34 C. Any toxic waste removed from the Duwamish river for disposal elsewhere
35 should be managed in accordance with state and federal requirements;

36 D. All reasonably available disposal and treatment options for sediments, along
37 with the pros and cons of each option, should be thoroughly explored before a final
38 decision to locate the sediments; and

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39 E. The costs of studying, designing and conducting needed toxic waste cleanup,
40 clean-up monitoring, avoiding recontamination by future toxic waste, materials removal
41 for disposal elsewhere, treatment of removed materials and final disposal must be fairly
42 allocated among all responsible parties and not be disproportionately borne by any one
43 entity or group of individuals such as King County wastewater ratepayers.
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Motion 11813 was introduced on 9/22/2003 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/29/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None