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A MOTION advising the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team of King County interests and priorities in the development of its 1997-1999 work plan.

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Committee met with representatives of the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team on July 18, 1996, and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team has asked King County to provide an assessment of needs and priorities for protection of Puget Sound in developing the Action Team's work plan for fiscal years 1997-1999, and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team has suggested that King County's assessment might include a list of King County projects underway in 1996, as well as any specific county requests for state aid or participation in local programs, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Committee and the Metropolitan King County Council have adopted a work plan for 1996 with the approval of Motion 9807;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY: The Regional Water Quality Committee recommends that the Metropolitan King County Council advise the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team of the following county needs and priorities for protection of Puget Sound:

A. King County is involved in several initiatives which protect Puget Sound through open space, surface water management and wastewater management programs. Over the next two years, King County intends to:

1. Complete and adopt the Wastewater Management Plan;
2. Establish and fund the Regional Needs Assessment program;
3. Participate in the Lake Washington Fish Studies;

- 1 4. Implement flood control plans and capital projects which
- 2 also protect water quality;
- 3 5. Support water supply initiatives which support clean
- 4 water objectives;
- 5 6. Participate in regional and state economic development
- 6 and trade programs; and
- 7 7. Participate in efforts to restore or protect shellfish
- 8 in Puget Sound.

9 B. King County will coordinate regional prioritization of
10 clean water projects through the Watershed forums beginning in
11 the fall of 1996, with a goal of making recommendations by early
12 1997. Key early concerns include flood hazards on the Snoqualmie,
13 excessive nutrient loading of Lake Sammamish and low sockeye
14 salmon survival rates in Lake Washington.

15 C. An additional watershed forum for direct Central Puget
16 Sound drainages is being developed that is expected to address:

- 17 1. Concerns identified in a draft Marine Water Quality
- 18 Assessment, including toxicants, bacteria and other
- 19 pollutant risks that endanger shellfish and other marine
- 20 life and pose risks to human health; and
- 21 2. The need for regional integration of actions taken in
- 22 Puget Sound with those taken by other watershed forums.

23 D. King County requests Puget Sound Water Quality Action
24 Team assistance in meeting regional and watershed priorities, as
25 determined by watershed forums. This could include:

- 26 1. Allocation of Centennial Clean Water and other funds
- 27 by major watershed in the state.
- 28 2. Establishing mitigation banks to direct DOT and other
- 29 agency mitigation requirements to the highest priority
- 30 needs, and other opportunities for reallocation of
- 31 existing as well as creation of new funding sources.
- 32 3. Continued collaboration from DOE in King County's
- 33 Water Quality Assessment, with a commitment to
- 34 incorporate results into its water quality
- 35 regulations.

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- 4. Collaboration between DFW, King County and cities to establish guidance for Hydraulic Project Approval permits that should maximize environmental benefits for project costs. In collaboration with the Lake Washington Cedar River Watershed Forum King, County seeks to establish guidance for fish habitat projects in the Cedar River with a goal of protecting and restoring the river's overall ecological health and biodiversity, rather than managing it for a single species.
- 5. Significant staff and financial contributions from DFW for studies of Lake Washington, to help return the lake to its status in the 1970s and 1980s as the state's most valuable recreational fishery.
- 6. Technical assistance to improve marine information for central Puget Sound.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 on this 7th day of October, 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chair

ATTEST:
Janet Masano
Clerk of the Council