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Introduced by: CYNTHIA SHULIVAN

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MOTION NO. 8819

A MOTION relating to federal fishery management policies, stating King County's policy opposing shoreside processor preferences in U.S. waters of the North Pacific which harm the Seattle-based processing fleet.

WHEREAS, the Seattle-based at-sea processing fleet produces \$850 million in seafood products annually, accounting for two-thirds of the revenues of Washington State's distant water fishing industry, and

WHEREAS, over 10,000 Washington jobs, including jobs in support industries such as ship repair, maintenance and supply, transportation and storage, were created in the past decade by the emergence of the at-sea processing fleet, in which employee earnings are more than \$240 million each year, and

WHEREAS, federal government policies that harm the at-sea processing fleet harm the economic and social well-being of King County, and

WHEREAS, the Shoreside Processor Preference rule approved by the U.S. Department of Commerce on March 4, 1992 causes such harm by giving special access to U.S. fishery resources to Alaskan shoreside processing plants over Seattle-based at-sea processors at a cost to the Seattle-based fleet of approximately \$67 million in 1992, and

WHEREAS, both the Commerce Department's inspector general and the antitrust division of the Department of Justice objected to flaws in the rule's analysis, and

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, an advisory body to the Secretary of Commerce, is considering additional preferential allocations to Alaskan-based shoreside processing plants which would injure the King County region with net losses to this area by 1995 of \$30 million in income,

1 \$72.4 million in total community economic activity, and 3,048
2 jobs;

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

4 A. King County opposes existing federal fishery
5 management policies establishing a shoreside processor
6 preference in U.S. waters of the North Pacific.

7 B. King County urges Congress, the U.S. Department of
8 Commerce, and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council not
9 to extend shoreside processor preferences in U.S. waters of the
10 North Pacific.

11 PASSED this 2nd day of November, 1992.

12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

14 Audrey Guger
15 Chair

16 ATTEST:

17 Gerald A. Peterson
18 Clerk of the Council