



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 18, 2005

Motion 12212

Proposed No. 2005-0407.1

Sponsors Constantine, Phillips, Pelz,
Gossett, Edmonds, Patterson,
Ferguson, Hague, von Reichbauer,
Lambert, Dunn and Irons

1 A MOTION expressing support for the Water Resource
2 Inventory Area 9 Chinook salmon habitat plan covering the
3 Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound watershed.

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6 WHEREAS, both people and salmon depend on a healthy watershed, and
7 WHEREAS, Puget Sound Chinook salmon are an icon of the Pacific Northwest
8 and were listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA") in
9 1999 by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), and

10 WHEREAS, Puget Sound bull trout were listed as a threatened species under ESA
11 in 1999 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Services ("USFWS"), and

12 WHEREAS, NOAA and USFWS can provide certain regulatory assurances to
13 jurisdictions that have committed to a recovery plan, and

14 WHEREAS, NOAA and USFWS are required to develop and implement plans
15 that address efforts to recover species listed under ESA, and

16 WHEREAS, the Water Resource Inventory Area ("WRIA") 9 Forum of Local
17 Governments, represented by sixteen jurisdictions, has devoted seven years to the
18 funding and development of a Chinook Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish
19 and Central Puget Sound Watershed, and

20 WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 salmon habitat plan has been developed by a steering
21 committee of multiple interests to guide actions over ten years to put Chinook salmon and
22 bull trout on the road to recovery, and

23 WHEREAS, extensive public involvement process and public review of the
24 WRIA 9 salmon habitat plan were undertaken, and

25 WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 salmon habitat plan is a science- and economic-based
26 plan that balances economic development with salmon habitat restoration needs, and

27 WHEREAS, the success of salmon recovery depends upon the cooperation of
28 federal, state, local agencies, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, private citizens and
29 other partners in allocating resources and implementing the WRIA 9 salmon habitat plan,
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31 WHEREAS, King County supports regional cooperation at the WRIA level to set
32 common priorities for action among partners, efficient use of resources and investments
33 and distribution of responsibility for action and expenditures, and

34 WHEREAS, Shared Strategy for Puget Sound, a regional nongovernmental
35 organization, has assumed a lead role in developing a Puget Sound-wide, regional
36 salmon and bull trout recovery plan for submittal to NOAA Fisheries and USFWS;

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

38 A. The WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget
39 Sound Watershed, Attachment A to this motion, is ratified. Ratification is intended to
40 express approval and support for the following:

41 1. The goals of the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan:

- 42 a. protect and restore physical, chemical and biological processes and the
- 43 freshwater, marine and estuarine habitats on which salmonids depend;
- 44 b. protect and restore habitat connectivity where feasible;
- 45 c. protect and improve water quality and quantity conditions to support healthy
- 46 salmonid populations; and
- 47 d. provide an implementation plan that supports salmon recovery;

48 2. Continued collaboration with other jurisdictions, state and federal agencies,
49 tribes and other stakeholders within the WRIA 9 area to implement the plan; and

50 3. Forwarding the plan to appropriate federal and state agencies through Shared
51 Strategy for Puget Sound, to be included in the Puget Sound Chinook salmon recovery
52 plan.

53 B. King County recognizes that negotiation of implementation commitments and
54 assurances with appropriate federal and state agencies will be an iterative process. Full
55 implementation of the plan is dependent on the following:

56 1. NOAA Fisheries will adopt the plan as an operative element of its ESA
57 Section 4(f) recovery plan for Puget Sound Chinook salmon;

58 2. NOAA Fisheries and USFWS will:

59 a. take no direct enforcement actions against King County under ESA for
60 implementation of actions recommended in or consistent with the plan;

- 61 b. endorse the plan and its actions and defend King County against legal
62 challenges by third parties; and
- 63 c. reduce the regulatory burden for King County activities recommended in or
64 consistent with the plan that require an ESA Section 7 consultation; and
- 65 3. Federal and state governments will:
- 66 a. provide funding and other monetary incentives to support plan actions and
67 monitoring activities;
- 68 b. streamline permitting for projects implemented primarily to restore
69 salmonid habitat or where the actions are mitigation that further plan implementation;
- 70 c. offer programmatic permitting for local jurisdiction actions that are
71 consistent with the plan;
- 72 d. accept the science that is the foundation of the plan and support the
73 monitoring and evaluation framework;
- 74 e. incorporate actions and guidance from the plan in future federal and state
75 transportation and infrastructure planning and improvement projects; and
- 76 f. direct mitigation resources toward plan priorities.

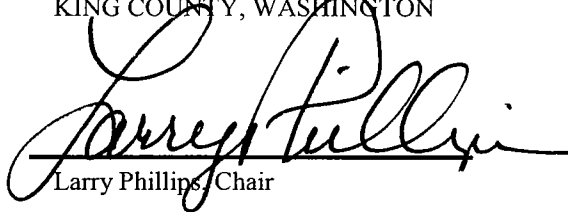
77 C. This motion does not obligate the King County council to future
78 appropriations beyond current authority.

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Motion 12212 was introduced on 10/3/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/17/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 1 - Mr. Hammond
Excused: 3 - Mr. Pelz, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Irons

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed Water Resource Inventory Area 9 dated August 2005 and Volume II: Appendices dated August 2005