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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4410

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By Representatives R. King, Wilson, Morris, D. Sommers, Winsley, Horn, H. Myers, Nelson and Orr.

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1            WHEREAS, There were five petitions filed early in 1990 to have five  
2 salmon populations in the Columbia river drainage listed under the  
3 provisions of the federal endangered species act; and

4            WHEREAS, The decline of the five salmon populations is due to a  
5 variety of factors, including low flows, insufficient habitat, hatchery  
6 stock management, and fishing; and

7            WHEREAS, Interested and affected parties are attempting to develop  
8 a plan to recover these salmon populations; and

9            WHEREAS, There may be over fifty other populations of salmon and  
10 steelhead in Washington that are in danger of extinction;

11            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
12 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select  
13 committee on salmon and steelhead recovery be established to review the  
14 status of salmon and steelhead populations in Washington, to determine  
15 the reasons for decline of populations, to make recommendations for  
16 action needed to recover each population in Washington, and to

1 determine the feasibility of using dislocated timber workers for any  
2 recommended habitat enhancement; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight  
4 members, two members from the house of representatives committee on  
5 fisheries and wildlife and two members from the house of  
6 representatives committee on natural resources, to be appointed by the  
7 speaker of the house of representatives, and four members from the  
8 senate committee on environment and natural resources, to be appointed  
9 by the president of the senate; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee shall  
11 request advice and information from the public and private sectors, to  
12 include at a minimum, representatives from the following: Department of  
13 wildlife, department of fisheries, department of natural resources,  
14 department of agriculture, employment security department, American  
15 fisheries society, Indian tribes, sports fishing community,  
16 recreational fishing community, Northwest power planning council,  
17 environmental community, timber industry, agricultural industry,  
18 organized labor, economic development associations, and utility  
19 companies; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee shall use  
21 legislative staff and facilities, but may hire additional staff with  
22 specific technical expertise if such expertise is necessary to carry  
23 out the mandates of this resolution. All expenses of the committee,  
24 including travel, shall be paid jointly by the senate and the house of  
25 representatives; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and  
27 recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 1991; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall expire July 1,  
29 1992.