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1            TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
7 represent and petition as follows:

8            WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives and Senate  
9 recognize that implementation of federal endangered species legislation  
10 has gravely and irreversibly impacted the coastal economies of Pacific  
11 and Grays Harbor counties and parts of Jefferson and Clallam counties;  
12 and

13            WHEREAS, The loss of timber-related jobs has created a further  
14 erosion of jobs in coastal communities which presently do not have  
15 alternative employment opportunities; and

16            WHEREAS, Hard-working families are losing their homes, automobiles,  
17 and other possessions and are going without adequate food, critically  
18 needed medical care, educational, and social services previously earned  
19 with wages from their jobs; and

20            WHEREAS, The loss of sales tax, property tax, and other local  
21 revenues by local coastal communities resulting from the devastating

1 economic dislocation is accompanied by a heavy additional burden placed  
2 on public services provided by local police, prosecutors, public  
3 health, and social service providers that manifestly precludes local  
4 government from financing an economic recovery program; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1991 the federal government received an estimated one  
6 hundred forty-three million dollars in general tax revenue, exclusive  
7 of social security and unemployment insurance taxes, from Pacific and  
8 Grays Harbor counties; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1991 the State of Washington received an estimated  
10 seventy-seven million dollars in general fund taxes from the two-county  
11 area; and

12 WHEREAS, Implementation of the Coastal Economic Recovery Action  
13 Plan will provide jobs and improve the coastal economy so that at the  
14 end of ten years the federal government tax revenues will increase from  
15 one hundred forty-three million dollars a year to two hundred five  
16 million dollars and the Washington State general fund revenues will  
17 increase from seventy-seven million dollars a year to one hundred  
18 thirteen million dollars over the ten-year period; and

19 WHEREAS, The millions of dollars monthly spent by the federal and  
20 state government for public assistance, unemployment compensation,  
21 medical assistance, food, retraining, and other social service programs  
22 can be sharply reduced through implementation of the coastal economy  
23 which emphasizes tourism, outdoor recreation, and commercial and sports  
24 fishing;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
26 federal government invest, along with the State of Washington, in a  
27 Coastal Economic Recovery Plan by funding the following elements of the  
28 plan:

29 (1) Habitat restoration jobs, including Olympic peninsula, Grays  
30 Harbor and Willapa Bay drainages. The primary beneficiaries of the  
31 work will be wild stocks of salmon: Fifty million dollars;

32 (2) Federal share of new coastal hatcheries including wild stock  
33 supplementation facilities: Seventeen million five hundred thousand  
34 dollars;

35 (3) Federal share of coastal tourism infrastructure facilities:  
36 Twelve million dollars;

37 (4) Federal funding of educational facilities at Grays Harbor  
38 College for Dislocated Timber Workers: Five million dollars; and

1       (5) Federal share of coastal transportation facilities for tourism  
2 and outdoor recreation: Ten million dollars.

3       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
4 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
5 States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
7 Washington.

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