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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE 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 people of the State of Washington are facing the
9 impacts of the listing and proposed listings of salmon and steelhead
10 stocks under the federal Endangered Species Act; and

11 WHEREAS, These listings represent a serious threat to the continued
12 economic well-being of the people of the State of Washington; and

13 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Washington will fully comply
14 with the requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act within its
15 borders and territorial waters; and

16 WHEREAS, The salmon and steelhead that spawn in the State of
17 Washington spend most of their life cycle outside of waters controlled
18 by the state; and

19 WHEREAS, Considerable threats to the salmon and steelhead of the
20 State of Washington can only be addressed by the intervention of the
21 United States Government; and

1 WHEREAS, The success of any conservation plan implemented under the
2 federal Endangered Species Act for listed salmon and steelhead runs in
3 the State of Washington is in doubt without immediate action by the
4 federal government;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
6 States Government immediately resolve the United States-Canada fishing
7 dispute, enforce the two hundred-mile limit and the ban on high seas
8 drift net fishing, and provide funding for salmon recovery efforts
9 which mitigate the loss of habitat caused by the construction of
10 hydroelectric dams on the Columbia River.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
13 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
15 State of Washington.

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