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3 By Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation

4 ADOPTED 3/3/00

5 Beginning on page 1, after line 9, strike the remainder of the  
6 joint memorial and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, The state of Washington has embarked on a major salmon  
8 recovery effort as reflected in significant legislation enacted in 1998  
9 and 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has formulated a state-wide  
11 strategy to recover salmon; and

12 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has spent and is prepared to spend  
13 millions of dollars to protect and restore salmon populations; and

14 WHEREAS, The state of Washington is aggressively pursuing salmon  
15 recovery through a comprehensive undertaking in partnerships with  
16 federal agencies, Indian tribal nations, local governments, nonprofit  
17 organizations, and others; and

18 WHEREAS, The national marine fisheries service has listed under the  
19 federal endangered species act a number of salmon species that live in  
20 evolutionarily significant units within Washington state; and

21 WHEREAS, Predation by certain migratory birds such as the Caspian  
22 Tern is widely viewed as a significant issue for recovery of listed  
23 fish species throughout Washington inland and coastal waters; and

24 WHEREAS, The federal migratory bird treaty act of 1918, 16 U.S.C.A.  
25 Sec. 703 et seq., has proven ineffective in managing migratory bird  
26 predation on salmonids; and

27 WHEREAS, Washington's efforts toward salmon recovery, while  
28 addressing nearly all the factors that have led to the decline of  
29 salmon, cannot currently, because of federal law, effectively address  
30 predation by these migratory birds; and

31 WHEREAS, Public confidence and support of Washington's salmon  
32 recovery efforts will be diminished unless the interaction among  
33 migratory birds and salmonid populations is better understood and site-  
34 specific conflicts are addressed;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress  
36 pass legislation that amends the federal migratory bird treaty act of

1 1918, 16 U.S.C.A. Sec. 703 et seq., to provide a more effective means  
2 to allow for the protection and restoration of salmonid populations.

3 Congress is further urged to:

4 (1) Fund joint federal and state research on migratory and resident  
5 predatory bird interactions with salmonids, especially site-specific  
6 investigations to determine the significance of migratory and resident  
7 bird predation on adult and juvenile salmonids for stock recovery, and  
8 to develop a cohesive conservation plan that balances protection of  
9 both migratory and resident birds and salmonids;

10 (2) Grant at least limited management authority for state and  
11 federal agencies to remove those migratory and resident birds preying  
12 on listed fish stocks at areas of restricted fish passage;

13 (3) Prohibit the relocation of predatory bird nesting areas that  
14 could result in shifting predation to salmonid stocks that need  
15 recovery in other geographic areas.

16 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
17 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
18 United States, the United States House of Representatives Committee on  
19 Resources, the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
20 Transportation, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
21 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
22 State of Washington."

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