

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4008

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 11, 1999  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 1999  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4008** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**By** Representatives Regala, Sump, Linville, G. Chandler and Haigh

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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 introduction of aquatic nuisance species, such as the  
9 zebra mussel, European green crab, and the mitten crab have the  
10 potential to cause significant environmental and economic damage to our  
11 state and nation; and

12            WHEREAS, Aquatic nuisance species can spread from any state within  
13 our nation causing harm to all; and

14            WHEREAS, The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control  
15 Act of 1990 authorizes the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force to  
16 approve aquatic nuisance species management plans that are submitted by  
17 state governors, and authorizes the United States Fish and Wildlife  
18 Service to fund up to seventy-five percent of the implementation cost  
19 of approved plans; and

1       WHEREAS, An important function of aquatic nuisance species  
2 management plans is to encourage state and regional jurisdictions to  
3 respond to aquatic nuisance species problems; and

4       WHEREAS, Congress has authorized four million dollars annually to  
5 fund the implementation of state management plans to minimize the  
6 environmental and economic damage caused by aquatic nuisance species to  
7 our state and nation; and

8       WHEREAS, In recent years only two hundred thousand dollars has been  
9 appropriated annually to fund the implementation of aquatic nuisance  
10 species management plans; and

11       WHEREAS, The Washington State Aquatic Nuisance Species Management  
12 Plan alone identified one million seven hundred thousand dollars in  
13 additional funding needed to address aquatic nuisance species problems;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, Two hundred thousand dollars is inadequate to allow fifty  
16 states, as well as interstate organizations, to implement effective  
17 programs identified in aquatic nuisance species management plans; and

18       WHEREAS, The appropriation of the full four million dollars  
19 authorized to fund aquatic nuisance species management plans would  
20 encourage development of plans, and thereby serve to reduce the  
21 destructive impact of aquatic nuisance species and minimize the risk of  
22 their spread to other states;

23       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
24 President and Congress should recognize the destructive potential of  
25 aquatic nuisance species and act to minimize this destruction by  
26 supporting appropriation of the four million dollars authorized to fund  
27 state aquatic nuisance species management plans in fiscal year 2000 and  
28 future years.

29       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
30 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
31 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
32 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
33 State of Washington.

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