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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8206**

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**By** Senators Braun, Takko, Pearson, Fortunato, Schoesler, Bailey, Warnick, Angel, Rivers, Walsh, and Becker

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to  
6 Article I of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a  
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article I, section . . . (1) The right to hunt, fish, and  
9 harvest wildlife:

10 (a) Is a valued part of Washington's heritage; and

11 (b) Shall be forever preserved for the public good.

12 (2) The people have a right, which includes the right to use  
13 traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject  
14 only to the laws prescribed by the legislature and rules prescribed  
15 by virtue of the authority of the legislature to:

16 (a) Promote wildlife conservation and management; and

17 (b) Preserve the future of hunting and fishing.

18 (3) Hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing  
19 and controlling wildlife.

20 (4) This section may not be construed to limit the application of  
21 any provision of law relating to trespass or property rights.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
2 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four  
3 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every  
4 legal newspaper in the state.

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