



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 30, 2009

Motion 13019

Proposed No. 2009-0375.3

Sponsors Hague, Phillips, Gossett,
Constantine and Ferguson

1 A MOTION in support of the conservation efforts for the
2 Lake Sammamish Kokanee.

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4 WHEREAS, Lake Sammamish Kokanee are a significant ecological, cultural,
5 historic and social asset in a highly urbanized watershed, and

6 WHEREAS, the Lake Sammamish Kokanee is in decline and in jeopardy of
7 extinction, and

8 WHEREAS, immediate action is needed to prevent the extinction of the Lake
9 Sammamish Kokanee, and

10 WHEREAS, a coalition of cities, nonprofit organizations and King County has
11 been established to promote the recovery of Lake Sammamish Kokanee and has filed a
12 petition seeking to protect the Lake Sammamish Kokanee in accordance with the
13 Endangered Species Act, and

14 WHEREAS, a biological study has been completed that recommends immediate
15 action to begin artificial propagation for protecting and sustaining the genetic material of
16 the population and improving the abundance of the population, and

17 WHEREAS, the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife in Issaquah
18 runs and operates several hatcheries in close proximity to the remaining Lake
19 Sammamish Kokanee population that could be the location of a Kokanee propagation
20 program;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

22 A. King County is increasingly concerned that the future of the Lake Sammamish
23 Kokanee is being jeopardized by the alarming decline in their abundance, productivity,
24 diversity and distribution, significantly impairing their long-term viability;

25 B. King County commends the cities of Issaquah, Bellevue, Sammamish and
26 Redmond, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Trout Unlimited, People for Puget Sound, Save
27 Lake Sammamish, Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Fish
28 and Wildlife Service and many citizen volunteers for their leadership and collaboration in
29 the conservation of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee;

30 C. King County strongly encourages the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
31 to list as endangered the Lake Sammamish Kokanee in accordance with the Endangered
32 Species Act; and

33 D. King County recommends that the Washington state Department of Fish and
34 Wildlife follow through with its proposal to implement an emergency conservation
35 supplementation pilot program in the fall of 2009.

36 E. King County requests that Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife
37 evaluate its current practice of releasing fry from the Issaquah Hatchery in close
38 proximity to the streams producing Kokanee fry and in timing that would increase the

39 probability of predation on Kokanee fry by these hatchery releases, and implement
40 actions to reduce impacts on Kokanee.

41 F. The King County executive is requested to include efforts support for the
42 listing of Lake Sammamish Kokanee salmon under the Endangered Species Act as part of
43 King County's 2011 federal agenda.

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Motion 13019 was introduced on 6/15/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/29/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,
Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

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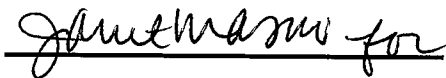
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None