

Senate Joint Memorial 8

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Urges United States Army Corps of Engineers to adopt Preferred Alternative/Management Plan described in draft Environmental Impact Statement to reduce double-crested cormorant population and to protect juvenile salmonids in Columbia River Estuary.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Commander and District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the United States Army Corps of Engineers has been conducting research on the impact of cormorant and other avian predation on juvenile salmonids in the Columbia River since 1997; and

Whereas this research is critical to understanding the impacts cormorants have on juvenile salmonids migrating to the ocean; and

Whereas the East Sand Island double-crested cormorant colony has grown to record size over the past 15 years; and

Whereas over this time period, double-crested cormorants have consumed approximately 11 million juvenile salmon and steelhead per year; and

Whereas current efforts to mitigate the negative effects of cormorants on salmon and steelhead resources of Oregon have been ineffective; and

Whereas the United States Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement and management plan to reduce predation of juvenile salmon and steelhead by double-crested cormorants in the Columbia River Estuary; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The United States Army Corps of Engineers is respectfully requested to adopt the Preferred Alternative/Management Plan outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, titled, "Double-crested Cormorant Management Plan to Reduce Predation of Juvenile Salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary" to reduce the population of double-crested cormorants occupying East Sand Island and to decrease predation of juvenile salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Commander and District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District.

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