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1 SLADE GORTON 9 Attorney General 3 EDWARD B. MACKIE Deputy Attorney General 4 Temple of Justice Olympia, Washington (206) 753-6207 98501 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Q Plaintiff, 10 QUINAULT TRIBE OF INDIANS on its own behalf and on 11 behalf of the Queets Band of Indians, 12 Plaintiff-Intervenor, 13 CIVIL NO. 921 MAKAH INDIAN TRIBE, 14 Plaintiff-Intervenor, MEMORANDUM OF DEFENDAN 15 LUMMI INDIAN TRIBE, STATE OF WASHINGTON RE 16 Plaintiff-Intervenor, 1.7 MOTIONS TO INTERVENE HOH TRIBE OF INDIANS, 18 Plaintiff-Intervenor, 19 MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE, 20 Plaintiff-Intervenor, 21SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE OF 22INDIANS, 23Plaintiff-Intervenor, CHITTE STATES CLEMENT COUNT 24 SAUK-SUIATTLE INDIAN TRIBE, 25 Plaintiff-Intervenor, 14/1 26SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE, 27 Plaintiff-Intervenor, 28v. 29 STATE OF WASHINGTON, 30 Defendant, 31

1 THOR C. TOLLEFSON, Director, Washington Department of 2 Fisheries, 3 Defendant-Intervenor, 4 CARL CROUSE, Director, Washington Department of Game, 5 Defendant-Intervenor, 6 WASHINGTON STATE GAME 7 COMMISSION, 8 Defendant-Intervenor. 9

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The defendant State of Washington's position regarding the various motions to intervene has been set forth in the stipulation entered into by the defendant state and the plaintiff United States of America.

I.

In the stipulation no affirmative position was taken with respect to the following requests:

- (1) Washington State Sportsmen's Council, Inc., Earl Engman and Garland E. Morrison;
- (2) Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nations;
 - (3) Committee to Save our Fish;
 - (4) National Congress of American Indians, Inc.;
 - (5) Washington Reef Net Owners' Association;
 - (6) Association of Northwest Steelheaders.

The defendant state understands that the National Congress of American Indians, Inc. is seeking to be an amicus curiae rather than an intervenor. We have no objection to the National Congress of American Indians, Inc. and the Association of Northwest Steel-headers being permitted to participate in this case as amicus curiae rather than intervenors.

The defendant state also has no objection to the request 1 for intervention by the Washington State Sportsmen's Council, Inc. and the Washington Reef Net Owners' Association. The defen-3 dant state questions the appropriateness of intervention by the 4 Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nations and ă the Committee to Save our Fish. However, we are not taking an G affirmative position in response to those requests. 8 II. The defendant state of Washington has both orally and 9 in writing requested that the plaintiff United States of America 10 join in a joint request for a three-judge court pursuant to 11 28 U.S.C. § 28.81, but there has been no affirmative response to 12 13 those requests. We would therefore join in the request of the 14 plaintiff-intervenors Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Squaxin Island 15 Tribe of Indians, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and Skokomish Indian 16 Tribe that a three-judge court be convened for this case. 17 18 SLADE GORTON Attorney General 19 20

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