BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING)	RESOLUTION NO 99-2764
METRO'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE "FOR)	
THE SAKE OF THE SALMON")	Introduced by Presiding Officer Monroe
ORGANIZATION)	

WHEREAS, Metro has adopted functional plan requirements for water quality and floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, Metro is now actively engaged in producing additional measures related to fish and wildlife habitat, storm water management and a regionally coordinated response to the Endangered Species Act listing of several fish species; and

WHEREAS, "For the Sake of the Salmon" is a regional organization who's mission is "To restore salmon to levels which ensure healthy, sustainable natural populations and support productive fisheries"; and

WHEREAS; Membership in "For the Sake of the Salmon" is open to all public and private organizations who share in the principles of the organization, and in fact, said membership includes many federal, state and local government organizations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Metro supports the mission and principles of "For the Sake of the Salmon" and desires to become a member of that organization.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 24th day of June 1999.

Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

GROWTH MAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-2764, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING METRO'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE "FOR THE SAKE OF THE SALMON" ORGANIZATION.

Date: June 16, 1999 Presented by: Councilor Park

Committee Action: At its June 8,1999 meeting, the Growth Management Committee voted 3-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 99-2764. Voting in favor: Councilors Monroe, Park and McLain.

Council Issues/Discussion: Resolution No. 99-2764 authorizes Metro to become a member of the group "For the Sake of the Salmon." Membership incurs no membership cost. Metro would join other organizations in the pacific region, including state and local governments, in pursuing the mission of "For the Sake of the Salmon" which is " to restore salmon to levels which ensure healthy, sustainable natural populations and support productive fisheries."

Bill Bradbury, executive director of "For the Sake of the Salmon", made a brief presentation and said that the organization is planning a conference in the fall.

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 99-2764, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING METRO MEMBERSHIP IN THE "FOR THE SAKE OF THE SALMON" ORGANIZATION

Date: May 11, 1999 Prepared by: Michael Morrissey

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

A May 3, 1999 letter to Presiding Officer Rod Monroe from "For the Sake of the Salmon", invites Metro to consider membership in that organization. The mission of "For the Sake of the Salmon" is described as "to restore salmon to levels which ensure healthy sustainable natural populations and support productive fisheries." The organization is involved in salmon recovery in the "Pacific" region and lists as members, the states of California, Oregon and Washington, as well as tribal governments, industry, environmental and conservation groups and agriculture.

There is no financial obligation associated with membership. Activities of the group include hosting regional forums and conferences, distribution of information, working to establish a Pacific Salmon Fund and supporting voluntary watershed organizations.

Membership in this organization is consonant with Metro activities in the areas of fish and wildlife habitat protection, and in developing a regionally coordinated response to the federal listing of several threatened fish species in our area.