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A JOINT RESOLUTION CONSISTING OF STEVENS, FERRY, LINCOLN AND GRANT COUNTIES, ON HOW TO ADDRESS THE HEAVY METALS CONTAMINATION STUDY DONE BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON THE LAKE ROOSEVELT AREA.

WHEREAS, it is the understanding that the E. P. A. studies of 2001 heavy metal contaminants of Lake Roosevelt, appears to have overtones of creating a Superfund for the area in question; and

WHEREAS, the four counties in question believe a superfund listing brings a negative stigma to the entire region and will wreck our economic development prospects, recreation and tourism for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, we have a shared objective to protect human health and fully address the issue and make sure the water is safe to drink, the fish are safe to eat and that the beaches are safe to play on; and

WHEREAS, the counties need independently, scientifically, sound studies to understand the issues, and to involve all the players in the region and cooperation among all interested parties is the best way to proceed with all of our neighbors, both tribes, all affected counties, and all of our affected sister agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this governmental unit of Stevens, Ferry, Lincoln and Grant Counties make the following requests to Tech Cominco to participate ~~participate~~ and contribute financially as an [Upper Columbia working group] for responsible stewardship to answer some basic questions.

- Can I drink the water?
- Can I eat the fish?
- Can I play on the beaches?

Included in this working group, we would suggest.

- University Member { Eastern Washington }
- Counties
- Cities
- Tri-County Economic Development
- Tri- County Health District.