

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A COALITION)
OF COUNTIES TO COORDINATE ENVIRONMENTAL)
RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIONS OF LAKE)
ROOSEVELT)

RESOLUTION 03-29

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County having convened in Regular Session, in their office at the Lincoln County Courthouse this 5th day of May, 2003, with a quorum of members present; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the United States Environmental Protection Agency has recently been called upon and has completed a preliminary investigation regarding contamination of portions of Lake Roosevelt which could lead to a process of designation of the area as a "Superfund" site; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Stevens, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan and Grant counties border Lake Roosevelt and the upper Columbia River and that Pend Oreille County and other surrounding counties may share concerns about the environmental quality of the lake, the lake bed and surrounding shorelines and tributary and downstream waters; and,

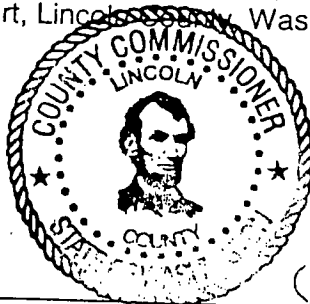
WHEREAS, the Board finds that the counties have a shared objective to protect human health and address environmental issues to make sure the water is safe to drink, the fish are safe to eat, and the beaches are safe for recreational activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds the counties need independent, scientifically sound studies to understand and address the issues, completed in a timely manner, which include the involvement of all affected parties in the region, including the Native American Tribal Nations and federal and state agencies, conducted in cooperative and efficient manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a federal superfund listing brings an unnecessary negative stigma to the region, which will damage economic development prospects, recreation and tourism for decades to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners supports and calls for the formation of a Lake Roosevelt counties coalition to be formed by all counties with concerns about Lake Roosevelt, the purpose of which will be to obtain adequate funding and to oversee studies which will provide good, credible science that will answer the key questions for our constituents: "Can I drink the water? Can I eat the fish? Can I play on the beaches?". The studies commissioned by the coalition are to be independent, peer reviewed, and timely completed.

DATED at Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington, this 5th day of May, 2003.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST

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