

## **RESOLUTION ADDING ADDITIONAL UNCONTAMINATED LANDS TO THE HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT**

**WHEREAS** President William J. Clinton by Memorandum of Direction dated June 9, 2000, to the Secretary of Energy directing him to manage the ecological resources of central Hanford for the possibility of adding lands to the Hanford Reach National Monument as they are remediated;

**WHEREAS** while a portion of central Hanford lands is needed for the Department of Energy's continued mission, much of the remaining central area contains unique and vanishing shrub-steppe habitat with sensitive bird species and objects of scientific and historic interest that must be preserved;

**WHEREAS** the Department of Energy's Comprehensive Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Statement, for central Hanford, designated much of these lands as conservation and preservation which make them suitable for transfer to the Hanford Reach National Monument;

**WHEREAS** these lands of central Hanford will be remediated of contaminants and are scheduled to be cleaned up prior to 2015;

**WHEREAS** Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Rachel Jacobson, for the United States Department of the Interior by letter dated February 26, 2014, requested of the Secretary of Energy a meeting to discuss final disposition of these central Hanford remediated lands;

**WHEREAS** the Department of Interior further stated in their letter of February 26<sup>th</sup>, "...treasure this landscape and we are deeply invested in the existing monument lands and the conservation values realized in central Hanford lands are remediated and preserved for the benefit of future generations."

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee call for the Honorable Senator Patty Murray and the Honorable Senator Maria Cantwell to support inclusion of additional central Hanford lands into the Hanford Reach National Monument as envisioned by President Clinton by memorandum dated June 9, 2000 and requested by the Department of the Interior in letter dated February 26, 2014;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee (and encourage individual state chapters) to write letter(s) of support urging the Honorable Senator Patty Murray and the Honorable Senator Maria Cantwell request of President Barack Obama that by Presidential Proclamation he adds additional remediated lands to the Hanford Reach National Monument.