

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4624, by Representatives Brumsickle, Basich, Morris, Chappell, Hatfield, Romero, Wolfe, Sheldon, Johnson and Pennington

WHEREAS, The legislature finds that as interests in the Chehalis River Basin have diversified, the Chehalis River and its tributaries have sustained increasing pressure to satisfy demands for irrigation, hydroelectricity, and instream flow needs for fisheries and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Since approval of the "Chehalis River Basin Action Plan" in 1992, recommendations in the plan have not yet been fully addressed by the federal, state, and local agencies with management or regulatory jurisdiction in the basin; and

WHEREAS, In view of the high resource values at stake in the Chehalis River Basin, an innovative process is needed to provide for implementation of the plan and for sound watershed management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and commend the mission statement of the Chehalis Watershed Council: The Chehalis Watershed Council is a grassroots, community forum, which uses a nonadversarial, consensus-based approach to problem solving and conflict resolution among stakeholders, scientists, and agencies with varied perspectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage state agencies to participate in the Chehalis Watershed Council, to focus on watershed issues and to facilitate long-term solutions.

I hereby certify 4624 this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives
February 17, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk