

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Ken Henderson		10/17/94		10/25/94	
Division Head:				11/8/94	Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

**SUBJECT :**

Resolution requesting federal government cooperation on Nooksack Water Data Gathering

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project:	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

he proposed resolution requests the federal government to join the state and County in developing data necessary for the issue of water resource and allocations in the Nooksack Basin, thereby eliminating an unnecessary duplication of effort and cost.

**ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

"I move that the Council approve the resolution."

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

10/25/94: Introduced  
 11/8/94: Council approved the resolution. 7-0

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):**

SPONSORED BY: HENDERSON

PROPOSED BY: HENDERSON

INTRODUCTION DATE: 10/25/94

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RESOLUTION NO. 94-054

REQUESTING FEDERAL COOPERATION IN RESEARCHING  
NOOKSACK BASIN WATER ISSUES

WHEREAS, resolution of the status of water and water rights has been an area of concern for well over 100 years to the people of Washington, state government and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, processes are currently underway to attempt to reach a settlement surrounding water issues and allocations involving the Lummi Tribe, Nooksack Tribe, State of Washington and the United States government, along with various citizens, water purveyors, cities and Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the collection of historical and scientific data will be crucial in resolving the underlying policy questions; and

WHEREAS, the information to be amassed in this data collection operation is largely from open public historical records, or will be un-biased scientific observations; and

WHEREAS, the collection of this data will result in great cost to the parties involved and the separate, independent, collection of such data leads to a wholly unnecessary duplication of cost to entities whose funding is derived from taxation, thereby requiring the public to pay twice for the same information; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the state and by Whatcom County is by law open for public inspection and will available for inspection by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, is is clearly possible for interested parties to join with the federal government to stipulate appropriate historical and scientific information that could be gathered only once for all parties use, thereby avoiding unnecessary duplication and cost; and

WHEREAS, it is the federal government that singularly refuses to consider such joint action or to make their independent collection of the same historical and scientific data available to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that we

1 do hereby petition for immediate relief from this onerous and unwarranted duplication of  
2 cost and effort and ask that the Executive and Legislative branches of the federal  
3 government take steps as necessary to provide relief from this burdensome situation.

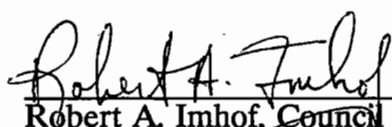
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the President  
5 of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of  
6 the Senate, the Secretary of the Interior, the Attorney General of the United States, the  
7 Governor of the State of Washington, and the members of the Congressional and Senate  
8 delegation from the State of Washington.

9 APPROVED this 8th day of November, 1994.

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11 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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13 Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk

  
Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 Civil Deputy Prosecuting Atty.