

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1998 - 45

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: County Council	1/21/98		2/10/98	Council
Division Head:			2/24/98	Nat. Res. Comm.
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

SUBJECT:

Resolution regarding Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution and misc. correspondence

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N Requested Date:
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This resolution calls for the termination of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project with the data collected to be communicated to BLM district managers and National Forest Supervisors

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

1998 - 45 2/10/98: Held in Committee
 2/24/98: Substitute resolution approved 6 - 1, Imhof
 opposed. Res. #98-011

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Res. #98-011

Sponsored by: Brenner & Brown
Proposed by: Consent
Introduction date: 2/10/98

Resolution No. 98-011

**REGARDING THE INTERIOR COLUMBIA BASIN ECOSYSTEM
MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, by executive order, initiated the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP) to create a scientifically sound, legally defensible ecosystem management plan, and;

WHEREAS, ICBEMP will directly affect management of 16 Bureau of Land Management districts and 30 national forests administered by the USDA forest Service, all located in western states, and;

WHEREAS, ICBEMP covers 104 counties, 144 million acres (including 72 million acres of private land) and will directly and indirectly affect the livelihoods of millions of citizens in the planning area and;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the western states have a direct interest in the management of public lands that produce payments in lieu of taxes that contribute significantly to funding of public schools and roads, and;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States and communities throughout the western states depend on the managed stewardship, sustained-yield, even flow production of goods and services from multiple-use management of public lands located in those states, and;

WHEREAS, there is increasing demand within the United States and the world for renewable, recyclable goods and services including recreation, wildlife, fisheries, food, fiber, clean air, clean water, and;

WHEREAS, ICBEMP was intended to protect our resources, but may actually do the opposite, and;

WHEREAS, the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force has recommended that ICBEMP should be terminated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that ICBEMP should be terminated, with no Record of Decision being approved; the ecosystem management data developed by the project should be communicated to BLM district managers and National Forest supervisors for consideration of public input in statutorily scheduled environmental land and resource management plan revisions, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Whatcom County Council strongly supports natural resource planning and environmental management featuring site-specific management decisions and involvement of county government in these decisions with the appropriate agencies.

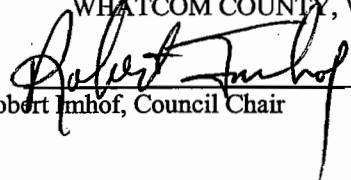
APPROVED this 24 day of February 1998.

ATTEST


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor