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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2000

Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SALMON CREEK WATERSHED, WASHINGTON,**
2 **WATER MANAGEMENT STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may
4 conduct a study to investigate the opportunities to better
5 manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek Water-
6 shed, a tributary to the Upper Columbia River system,
7 Okanagoan County, Washington, so as to restore and en-
8 hance fishery resources (especially the endangered Upper
9 Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead), while maintain-
10 ing or improving the availability of water supplies for irri-
11 gation practices vital to the economic well-being of the
12 county.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the study under sub-
14 section (a) shall be to derive the benefits of and further
15 the objectives of the comprehensive, independent study
16 commissioned by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville
17 Reservation and the Okanagoan Irrigation District, which
18 provides a credible basis for pursuing a course of action
19 to simultaneously achieve fish restoration and improved ir-
20 rigation conservation and efficiency.

21 (c) COST SHARE.—The Federal Government's cost
22 share for the feasibility study shall not exceed 50 percent.

Passed the Senate October 13 (legislative day, Sep-
tember 22), 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.