

# Calendar No. 853

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2951

[Report No. 106-431]

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 28 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with amendments and an amendment to the title

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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 Commissioner of Reclama-~~  
 4 ~~tion~~ *The Secretary of the Interior* may conduct a study to  
 5 investigate the opportunities to better manage the water  
 6 resources in the Salmon Creek Watershed, a tributary to  
 7 the Upper Columbia River system, Okanagoan County,  
 8 Washington, so as to restore and enhance fishery re-  
 9 sources (especially the endangered Upper Columbia  
 10 Spring Chinook and Steelhead), while maintaining or im-  
 11 proving the availability of water supplies for irrigation  
 12 practices vital to the economic well-being of the 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.*

Amend the title to read as follows: “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.”.



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