

RESOLUTION NO. 43-91

CUSHMAN LAKE LEVEL

WHEREAS, Lake Cushman is an important residential and recreational area within Mason County; and

WHEREAS, Lake Cushman has been filled to a level of 738 feet for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the 738 feet level is imperative for recreational use at the State Parks, private docks, beaches and swimming areas; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of National Parks has identified an 11.06 acre section of their park which has been covered by lake water; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of National Parks is preserving recovery of said 11.06 acres for non-flooded Elk habitat; and

WHEREAS, this 11.06 acres is the only area within the lake which serves as habitat for fingerling fish protection to allow for growth of these to adult size; and

WHEREAS, lower levels may be necessary for emergency flood control measures within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the 738 feet lake level is imperative for stable property values to provide essential and mandated County services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of National Parks is considering a negotiated land exchange within park boundaries; and

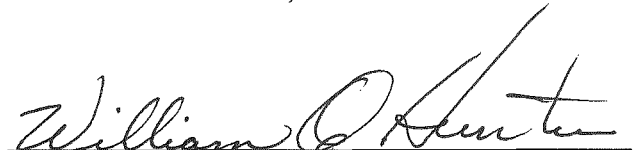
WHEREAS, Mason County is concerned about the possibility of loss of management of the 11.06 acres after a land exchange because this land will still be within the park boundaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mason County Commissioners go on record supporting continuation of a 738 feet lake level except when emergency flood control measures are necessary; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that measures be taken to assure that management authority of said 11.06 acres remain within operation license for Lake Cushman Dam.

DATED this 26th day of March, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


William O. Hunter, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board


Michael D. Gibson, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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