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**WHEREAS**, under the Endangered Species Act the federal government listed Lower Columbia River steelhead and bull trout as threatened in 1998; Lower Columbia River Chinook and Columbia River chum as threatened in 1999; and proposed to list Lower Columbia coho as threatened in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board was established by the Legislature in 1998 for the purpose of creating and implementing a recovery program for federally listed fish; and

**WHEREAS**, community collaboration within the area encompassed by the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board has been extensive and inclusive in development of this plan for over five years, involving federal and state agencies, tribal governments, locally elected officials, and citizens, all of whom are integral to successful implementation of recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, material in this plan represents the most thorough collection of scientific assessment, evaluation, and analysis that can be accomplished with available and relevant information; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan presents commitments of the community to continue to work together for the restoration of our salmonid populations, which is essential to assure certainty of plan implementation;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we the undersigned, submit this material to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as an interim recovery plan for consideration and inclusion in the formal recovery plans of these agencies.

**SIGNED THIS DAY OF DECEMBER 15, 2004 BY:**

Gary Locke, Governor  
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Jeff Koenings, Director  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

William Dygert, Acting Chairman  
Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board