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HOUSE MEMORIAL 59

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO INVESTIGATE
POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR A PROPOSED SAN JUAN RIVER SPECIAL
MANAGEMENT AREA BELOW NAVAJO DAM AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the stretch of the San Juan river below Navajo
dam in northern New Mexico continues to be one of the best
trophy fisheries in the nation; and

WHEREAS, each year, anglers spend between twenty million
dollars (\$20,000,000) and forty million dollars (\$40,000,000)
at this location, to the benefit of both local and state
economies; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state of New
Mexico, the department of game and fish and the angling public

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1 to maintain and enhance the quality of this unique resource;
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3 WHEREAS, designating this stretch of the river as a
4 special management area and requiring licensed anglers to
5 purchase special permits to fish there would generate a
6 significant amount of funding for enhancement of the trophy
7 trout water; and

8 WHEREAS, this new revenue source would provide money for
9 habitat improvement, improvement of angler access, habitat and
10 fisheries studies, mitigation of siltation and other related
11 enhancements of the fishery;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
14 of game and fish be requested to work with interested
15 stakeholders and land management agencies in the area to
16 investigate potential funding sources to preserve, protect and
17 enhance this stretch of the San Juan river so that the quality
18 of the fishery can be maintained and improved; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of game and
20 fish report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate
21 legislative committee by December 1, 2010; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the director of game and fish and to the state
24 game commission.

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