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Whatcom County Council
311 Grand Ave., Suite 105
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RE: Whatcom Clean Water Program – 2025 Annual Report

Dear Whatcom County Council Members:

The Whatcom Clean Water Program (WCWP) partners are pleased to share our first Annual Report, highlighting the program’s 2025 progress, challenges, and continued commitment to protecting water quality and public health in Whatcom County.

WCWP partners work collaboratively to address nonpoint source fecal bacteria pollution impacting our waterways and shellfish growing areas. By coordinating resources across local, state, federal, and tribal partners, the program works to identify pollution sources, support landowners in implementing solutions, and engage the broader community in stewardship actions that protect our shared natural resources.

This report was developed by program partners to improve communication and information sharing about the program’s work with community leaders, decision makers, and stakeholders affected by fecal bacteria pollution. We invite you to read the report and provide feedback, questions, or requests for more information to wcwp@whatcomcounty.org. You can also visit our new website at wcwp.whatcomcounty.org.

We recognize that protecting water quality is a shared responsibility and continued progress depends on sustained collaboration, community trust, and strategic investment. We appreciate your ongoing support and leadership in advancing policies and securing resources that enable this work.

Thank you for your commitment to the health of Whatcom County’s communities and natural environment. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss the program in more detail.

Thank you on behalf of Public Works Natural Resources staff and our partners of the Whatcom Clean Water Program.