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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and The Honorable Members of the Ferry District Board of Supervisors

From: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

Subject: Introduce draft Resolution for establishing a new Whatcom County Ferry District Fund.

Date: June 29, 2026

Enclosed is a resolution establishing a new Whatcom County Ferry District Fund.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Ferry District Board of Supervisors approve this proposed resolution to establish a new Whatcom County Ferry District Fund.

Background and Purpose

On May 18, 2026 the Whatcom County Council established a countywide Ferry District, in order to support the county's ability to construct, purchase, operate, and maintain ferries and wharves. The governing body of the Ferry District is the Board of Supervisors, of which the County Council members are designated. RCW 36.54.110 provides that the District is a municipal corporation, an independent taxing authority to carry out the purposes for which the Ferry District was created.

RCW 36.54.170 requires that the treasurer of the county in which a ferry district is located shall be treasurer of the district and requires the county treasurer, acting as ex officio treasurer of the district, to establish a ferry district fund into which all District revenues are paid, and authorizes the treasurer to maintain such additional special funds as the Board directs.

This resolution proposes the Board of Supervisors to direct the County Treasurer to create a District fund and outlines the roles of the Treasurer and addresses deposits, use of fund, and depository and interest.

Please contact Laura Frolich at 360-778-6205 or lfrolich@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agenda item.