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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
John N. Thompson, Senior Salmon Recovery Planner 

DATE: July 13, 2022

RE: Washington Department of Ecology Agreement - 2022-2023 Washington Conservation Corps Crew

Enclosed is an agreement between Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for your review and signature.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Board of Supervisors, enter into an agreement with Ecology for a sum not to exceed \$163,360 to sponsor a Washington Conservation Corps crew for the October 2022 to September 2023 term.

Background and Purpose

Public Works proposes to continue sponsorship of a 6-member Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Crew for the 2022-2023 term. The crew will assist Public Works with installation and maintenance of salmon habitat and stormwater projects, installation and maintenance of mitigation plantings for road and flood projects, water quality monitoring and is available for emergency response. The crew is co-sponsored with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) under a separate agreement with Ecology. NSEA provides office and equipment space and use of specialized tools.

Funding Amount and Source

The \$163,360 for this new agreement is included in the Public Works, Natural Resource Division (169119) 2022 budget and will be included in the 2023 proposed budget.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.