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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*
Erika Douglas, Senior Planner *ED*

DATE: February 13, 2020

RE: Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20, Whatcom County Shellfish Protection Districts

Please find enclosed for your review and signature an ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20.065 Whatcom County Shellfish Protection Districts Advisory Groups.

Requested Action

On behalf of the Portage Bay and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committees, Public Works respectfully requests that Whatcom County Council and County Executive approve the ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20.

Background and Purpose

This amendment removes term limits for Portage Bay and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District advisory committee members.

Portage Bay and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committees currently have four and three vacancies, respectively. There have been no recent applications submitted to fill these positions. The advisory committees approved a recommendation to Council to remove term limits at their January 29, 2020 joint meeting.

Portage Bay and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committees are essential to the progress that has been made to upgrade shellfish beds in Whatcom County. Over the past four years, upgrades have occurred in Drayton Harbor, Birch Bay, and Portage Bay. Active participation from advisory committees representing diverse community interests has been key to developing and implementing a successful program. This amendment provides an opportunity for interested advisory committee members to remain engaged in the committee after two terms if Council does not appoint another applicant.

Please contact Erika Douglas at extension 6294 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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