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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
Erika Douglas, Environmental Programs Manager
Austin Rose, Planner I, Natural Resources

DATE: November 21, 2023

RE: State of Washington Department of Ecology One Time Grant Program Agreement OTGP-2024-WhCoPW-00042

Please find enclosed for your review a copy of interagency agreement OTGP-2024-WhCoPW-00042 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District to support the Marine Resources Committee (MRC). The authorized agreement will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to sign the interagency agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District to support Whatcom Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects.

Background and Purpose

This one time grant agreement will fund staff time for administrative and technical support to the MRC and action projects. Action projects include an education program for schools about the intertidal zone and migratory fish, an Olympia oyster restoration feasibility assessment, and remote beach cleanups.

Funding Amount and Source

This grant agreement with Washington Department of Ecology provides \$135,500.00 for administrative and technical support to the MRC and to implement action projects. Funding for this grant comes from fiscal year 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending. Revenue from this grant was anticipated and is included in the approved 2024 Natural Resources budget. No match is required.

Please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286 or Erika Douglas at extension 6294, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.