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Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *gpk*
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager *JEL*

Date: May 13, 2020

Re: **Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board for Construction Funding North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage Project, CRP No. 919007**

Enclosed for your review and signature is one original of a Whatcom County Council resolution.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests the County Council approve a resolution which authorizes Public Works to submit an application to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) for grant funding assistance for the construction phase of the project referenced above. The resolution also authorizes the Whatcom County Executive to enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Signature of this resolution is necessary in order to meet the upcoming grant application deadline and potentially secure state funding for this project.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County received \$442,500 in grant funds from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in September of 2019 to complete preliminary engineering, an alternatives analysis, and prepare a final bid-ready package to remove a fish passage barrier on Kenney Creek at North Fork Road. This project will restore full fish passage at an existing poorly functioning fishway and culvert where Kenney Creek crosses under North Fork Road approximately 1-mile north of Mosquito Lake Road.

The RCO requires an authorizing resolution to submit a grant funding application for the construction phase of this project. The RCO uses a standard template preapproved by the Washington State Attorney General's Office; this template was retained and formatted to meet Whatcom County Council standards.

Funding Amount and Source

The preliminary cost estimate for the construction phase is approximately \$3.5 Million. If awarded construction funding, the expected local match will be 15% of the total construction cost and the grant funds will be available in July of 2021. Construction is anticipated in 2022 if successful in obtaining construction funding. This project is listed as Item No. 30 on the 2020 Annual Construction Program.

Please contact Doug Burghart at extension 6277 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.