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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Natural Resources Committee

July 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Todd Donovan, Barry Buchanan, and Satpal Sidhu
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Carol Frazey, Rud Browne, and Tyler Byrd

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. AB2019-361 DISCUSSION REGARDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.27A, ACQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

The following people reported and answered questions:

- Gary Stoyka, County Public Works Department
- Clare Fogelsong, City of Bellingham
- Teagan Ward, City of Bellingham Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator
- Karen Frakes, Prosecutor's Office

Councilmembers and presenters discussed aquatic invasive species (AIS) and wakeboard boats:

- The potential for residual water in wakeboard tanks
- Staff procedures in risk assessment and decontamination
- How boat owners declare what body of water they've been in
- Collaborating with manufacturers to include filters in their products

2. AB2019-396 DISCUSSION OF WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD 2018-2023 WORK PLAN

The following staff spoke:

- Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, gave a staff report
- Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director
- Jack Louws, County Executive

Councilmembers and staff discussed input for the Executive on proposed changes that the Board will vote on in September; input from the Planning Unit; the Council's role in developing and approving the work plan; management team approval on all items; the different approval requirements for the watershed management plan, the management board work plan, and salmon recovery plan; combining flood management and water resource functions; process for approving amendments to the plan; and the motion below.

Buchanan moved to allow councilmembers to submit comments on the content only of the work plan and to hold another work session as early as possible in September.

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The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)
Nays: None (0)

OTHER BUSINESS

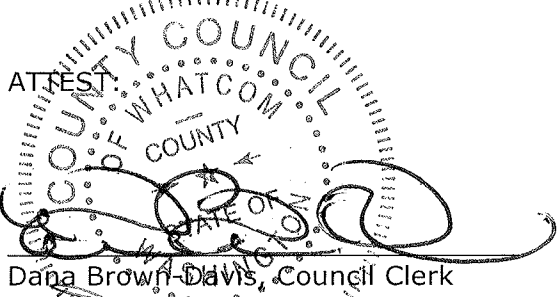
Buchanan moved to outreach to the Lake Samish community via a public meeting of this committee in the Lake Samish area.

The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)
Nays: None (0)

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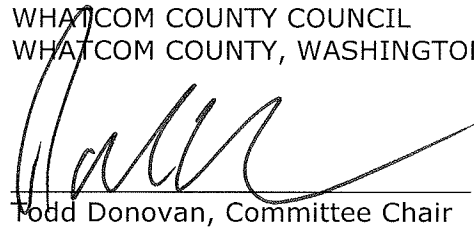
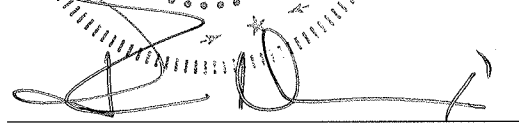
The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Todd Donovan, Committee Chair

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription