



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Wiser Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan
DATE: June 8, 2022

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Cyanobacteria toxins are routinely detected in Wiser Lake at levels that exceed water contact standards. This Agreement provides funding for the Health Department to develop a Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan (LCMP), intended to reduce the frequency and duration of cyanobacteria blooms in Wiser Lake. The LCMP will include a strategy for assessing phosphorus cycling in the watershed, internal loading, external loading, and the development of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This 2022 – 2024 Agreement provides \$49,999.50 in DOE funds to be matched with \$16,666.50 in local funds. These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 (JCGreen@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

