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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and The Honorable Members of the
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
John N. Thompson, Senior Salmon Recovery Planner 

DATE: June 30, 2021

RE: Washington Department of Ecology Agreement for the 2021-2022
Washington Conservation Corps Crew

Enclosed are an agreement between Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for your review and signature. Please note that Ecology has provided a fillable pdf which provides for an electronic signature.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Board of Supervisors, enter into an agreement with Ecology for a sum not to exceed \$153,520 to sponsor a Washington Conservation Corps crew for the October 2021 to September 2022 term.

Background and Purpose

Public Works proposes to sponsor a 6-member Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Crew for the 2021-2022 terms. The crew will assist Public Works with installation and maintenance of salmon habitat and a storm water project conduct water quality monitoring and are available for emergency response. The crew is co-sponsored with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) under a separate agreement with Ecology. NSEA provides office and equipment space and use of specialized tools.

Funding Amount and Source

The \$153,520 for this new agreement is included in the Public Works, Natural Resource Division (169119) 2021 budget and will be included in the 2022 proposed budget.

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