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March 7, 2022

**RE: Support Repeal of Ordinance 2022-005 on Temporary Gulf Road Closure**

Dear Whatcom County Council,

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our comment regarding public access to the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve from Gulf Road. We appreciate the time and consideration County Council members have taken in response to our previous letter dated on February 17, 2022. In this letter today, we urge you to support the ordinance put forward by Todd Donovan and Kaylee Galloway (AB2022-156 on the March 8, 2022 County Council meeting agenda under introduction items) to repeal the previous ordinance that put in place a temporary closure of Gulf Road.

RE Sources is a non-profit organization located in northwest Washington and founded in 1982. We work to protect the health of northwest Washington's people and ecosystems through the application of science, education, advocacy, and action. Our priority programs include Protecting the Salish Sea, Freshwater Restoration, Climate Action, and Fighting Pollution—all critical issues affecting our region. Our North Sound Baykeeper is also a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, with over 300 organizations in 34 countries around the world that promote fishable, swimmable, drinkable water. RE Sources has thousands of supporters in Whatcom, Skagit, and San Juan counties, and we submit these comments on their behalf.

We hope that you continue to find additional information and a solution to this issue as this waterfront area has significant meaning to many community members.

Sincerely,

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