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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Jack Louws, 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   
Austin Rose, Planner I, Natural Resources

**DATE:** September 17, 2019

**RE:** State of Washington Department of Ecology Grant Agreement SEANWS-2019-WhCoPW-00001 Northwest Straits Project: Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects

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Please find enclosed for your review and signature two (2) originals of Grant Agreement SEANWS-2019-WhCoPW-00001, Northwest Straits Project: Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operation and Projects, between the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and Whatcom County for the sum of \$182,313.00.

**Background and Purpose**

This grant agreement will fund administrative support and action projects for the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee including education and outreach, water quality monitoring, bull kelp surveys, forage fish spawning surveys, and monitoring of a pilot Olympia oyster restoration project.

This agreement represents an increase in funding of \$16,000 in FY2020 and \$16,363 in FY2021. This increased funding will be used in part to increase staff allocation for MRC from 0.7FTE to 0.95FTE to support increased needs for meeting coordination, contract administration, project implementation, and monitoring.

**Funding Amount and Source**

This grant agreement with Washington Department of Ecology provides the County with \$182,313.00 for administrative and technical support to the MRC and to implement action projects. No match is required.

Please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.