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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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Director**





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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and the Honorable 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: August 27, 2020

RE: **Washington Department of Ecology Agreement for 2020-2021 Washington Conservation Corps Crew Sponsorship**

Requested Action:

Enclosed is a 2020-2021 Washington Conservation Corps Crew Agreement between the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) for your review and electronic signature.

Background and Purpose:

Public Works proposes to sponsor a 6-member Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Crew for the 2020-2021 WCC service term (October – September). The crew will assist Public Works with salmon habitat, stormwater, and water quality monitoring and emergency response. The FCZD has sponsored a crew in whole or part with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) since 2001. NSEA is co-sponsoring again this year under a separate agreement with Ecology and will provide office and equipment space and use of specialized tools.

Funding Amount and Source:

This is a new annual agreement with funding included in the Public Works – Natural Resource Division (169119) 2020 budget and the proposed 2021 Natural Resource budget. The agreement is not to exceed \$153,520. This is an increase of \$4,920 over the previous annual agreement.

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

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