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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Natural Resources Committee**

February 26, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Todd Donovan, Barry Buchanan, and Satpal Sidhu  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, and Carol Frazey

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**1. AB2019-133 RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS RELATED TO: POLLUTION PREVENTION; INCREASING HABITAT AND FISH ABUNDANCE; PROTECTION OF SOUTHERN RESIDENT ORCA WHALES FROM VESSELS; AND IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OIL TRANSPORTATION**

Councilmembers discussed bills in the State legislature and State regulations, efforts to clean up the environment, Hearings Board jurisdiction, the possible source of acidic rain, and the sizes of commercial fishing vessels.

Karlee Deatherage, ReSources for Sustainable Communities, answered questions on the southern resident orca migration areas, proposed amendments to proposed State legislation, and potential regulation of pipeline and shipping industries.

***Buchanan moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

Councilmembers discussed giving feedback to legislators on the proposed State legislation, the proposed penalties to businesses for noncompliance in the State's bill, and the variety of sources that negatively impact wild salmon populations.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Buchanan and Sidhu (2)  
**Nays:** None (0)  
**Abstains:** Donovan (1)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

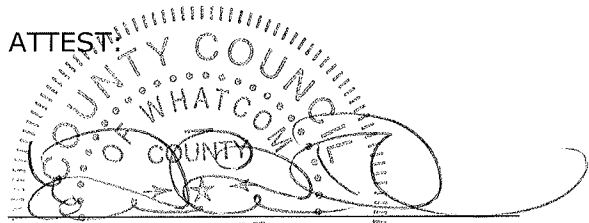
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**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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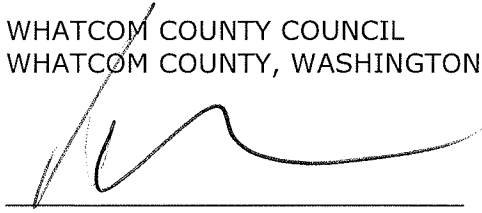


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