



## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

FROM: Paula J. Harris, P.E., River and Flood Manager *PJH*  
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

RE: Nooksack Indian Tribe – Interlocal Agreement (ILA)  
Funding Support for Design and Material Procurement for the South Fork Nooksack Fish Camp (Ts' éq) Integrated Fish-Flood Project (Project No. 723005)

DATE: January 24, 2024

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the Nooksack Indian Tribe for your review and signature.

### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council, acting for the FCZD Board of Supervisors, enter into an ILA with the Nooksack Indian Tribe to provide funding support for design of and material procurement for the Fish Camp (Ts' éq) Integrated Fish-Flood Project.

### Background and Purpose

The Nooksack Indian Tribe and the FCZD are partners in the multi-phase integrated fish-flood project in the Fish Camp reach of the South Fork Nooksack River in the vicinity of Acme. The FCZD was awarded a '21-'23 biennium Floodplains by Design (FbD) grant from the Department of Ecology for the Nooksack River: Floodplains that Work – Phase 2 project that includes funding to support the Nooksack Indian Tribe in completion of the '21-'23 FbD grant Task 4 focused on the Fish Camp project. The funding for the tribe will support: (1) final design and landowner and stakeholder outreach for Project Area (PA1) of the Fish Camp Project; and (2) permitting and procurement of logs and woody material for the first phase of construction in PA1, downstream of the SR 9 bridge in Acme.

### Funding Amount and Source

The proposed ILA amount is \$880,000 which is 80% of the task budget of \$1,100,000. The \$880,000 is covered by the '21-'23 FbD grant Task 4 and the 20% match of \$220,000 will be provided by the Nooksack Tribe.

Please contact Paula Harris at extension 6285, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this Contract.