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**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA REVISION NOTICE  
FOR JANUARY 15, 2019**

The item listed below was incorrectly scheduled for Natural Resources Committee. This item is now correctly scheduled for public hearing at the Council's evening meeting and Natural Resources Committee is canceled.

**AB2019-042      Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20, Whatcom County Shellfish Protection Districts**

Ordinance extends the sunset date for the Drayton Harbor, Portage Bay, and Birch Bay Shellfish Protection Districts to December 31, 2022. The four year extension matches term lengths for advisory committee members. Public Works - Natural Resources staff recommends the continuation of the shellfish protection districts and feels the work of these groups are vital in identifying and addressing pollution sources that are affecting nearshore marine environments. These districts are also essential to the reclassification of downgraded shellfish areas to approved status and to protecting threatened shellfish areas from future downgrades. Additionally, Public Works staff recommends dissolving the Birch Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee and assigning shellfish protection advisory duties to the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) District Advisory Committee.

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**THE 9:30 A.M. NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE IS CANCELED.**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M.**

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The item listed below should have been scheduled for both committee and Council. This item is now correctly scheduled for both Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee and Council.

**AB2019-043      Ordinance repealing and replacing Whatcom County Code 1.28, Standards for Correctional Facilities**

With the enactment of Ordinance No. 87-85, the County adopted facility standards for the Whatcom County Jail. This ordinance was eventually codified under Chapter 1.28 of the Whatcom County Code, Standards for Correctional Facilities. These standards were originally adopted to comply with RCW 70.48.071, a new state law requiring Counties to adopt standards for correctional facilities. At that time, Whatcom County elected to adopt existing state standards and, over time, those standards have changed, become outdated and/or have been repealed. The County is currently operating under WCC 1.28, a code with outdated standards that expose the County to the risk of civil liability. As a result, the Prosecutor Attorney's Office has recommended that the Sheriff request the County Council to adopt an ordinance repealing the current provisions in Chapter 1.28 of the Whatcom County Code in their entirety, and replacing it with revised provisions.