



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Wisser Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan Development Study, Year 2 Interlocal Agreement
DATE: August 6, 2024

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This is a new interlocal agreement to provide funding for a Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan (LCMP), intended to improve the water quality in Wisser Lake by reducing the frequency and duration of cyanobacteria blooms. The LCMP developed with this funding will assist the County in understanding the environmental factors contributing to toxic cyanobacteria blooms and identify corrective actions that may reduce the frequency and severity of these blooms in Wisser Lake. Cyanobacteria toxins are routinely detected in Wisser Lake at levels that exceed EPA water contact standards.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this agreement is \$50,000. These funds will be included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 (SSullivan@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

