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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable members of the Whatcom County Council and The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

From: Laura Frolich, Assistant Director

Subject: Ferry District Levy Rate Work Session

Date: [05/21/2026]

Background and Purpose

A countywide Ferry District has been created in Whatcom County under RCW 36.54. The Whatcom County Council, acting as the Ferry District Board of Supervisors, will review information about possible tax levy rates, current ferry services, operating costs, revenues, and upcoming capital project expenses.

This meeting is a work session only. Its purpose is to help the Board learn more about the ferry system, ask questions, and consider what level of service the Ferry District could provide through establishing a levy rate.

The session will be led by the Public Works Department Director, the Assistant Director, and Progressions Consulting, a firm specializing in the maritime industry and large capital project financing.