




**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director  
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 

**FROM:** Laurel Baldwin, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator

**DATE:** January 7, 2022

**RE:** Interagency Agreement with Washington Department of Natural Resources for Flowering Rush in Silver Lake

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Please find enclosed for your review a copy of the interagency agreement between the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WADNR) and Whatcom County Noxious Weed Program for the management of Class A Noxious Weed Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus*) in Silver Lake. The authorized interagency agreement will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

**Requested Action**

The Noxious Weed Board respectfully requests that the Executive sign the interagency agreement to support management of Flowering Rush in Silver Lake.

**Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide funding for efforts to control Flowering Rush, an aquatic Class A Noxious Weed in Silver Lake in Whatcom County. This interagency agreement will allow the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Program to utilize contractors for licensed diving services for the manual removal of Flowering Rush plants in Silver Lake and for licensed herbicide applications during the 2022-23 field season.

**Funding Amount and Source**

The interagency agreement funding comes from WADNR and is in the amount of \$9,900. There is no match required from the County.

Please contact Laurel Baldwin at extension 6234 if you have any questions or concerns about the terms of this agreement.