

PROPOSED BY: _____

INTRODUCED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING THE DRAYTON HARBOR SHELLFISH RECOVERY AND PROTECTION PLAN 2024
UPDATE

WHEREAS, on July 18, 1995, in compliance with RCW Chapter 90.72, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 95-036, establishing the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District in response to the downgrade of shellfish growing areas in the harbor; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance 95-036, also created the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee who drafted the first Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Recovery Plan in 1995; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 1998, the Council adopted Ordinance 98-069, approving an updated version of the Recovery Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2000, the Council adopted Ordinance 2000-28, approving an updated version of the Recovery Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2007, Council approved Resolution 2007-024, approving an updated version of the Recovery Plan; and

WHEREAS, since 2007 numerous efforts have occurred in the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District to eliminate or reduce pollutants that are affecting the shellfish beds through the Whatcom Clean Water Program, Pollution Identification and Correction Program, important partnerships, and increased community involvement; and,

WHEREAS, work needs to continue to ensure that conditionally approved shellfish harvest areas maintain and improve that status, and remaining closed areas are reopened; and,

WHEREAS, the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection Advisory Committee has updated

the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Recovery and Protection Plan for 2024 identifying emerging issues, overarching priorities, new priorities, and other recommendations for work that needs to be accomplished to meet shellfish recovery goals; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby approves the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Recovery and Protection Plan 2024 Update as the framework for identifying and managing shellfish. restoration efforts in the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Quinn, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney