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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, and
The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

DATE: January 18, 2019

RE: Proposed Changes to the Aquatic Invasive Species Ordinance
(WCC 2.27A)

At the February 12, 2019 Finance Committee meeting, Public Works staff will introduce for discussion proposed changes to the aquatic invasive species ordinance (WCC 2.27A) scheduled for potential adoption by the Council on February 26, 2019.

Requested Action

Public Works is requesting discussion by County Council on the proposed ordinance changes. The proposed ordinance creates a new class of watercraft, establishes a one-day pass, and updates definitions. Public Works staff is working with City of Bellingham staff to pursue proposed modifications to their respective ordinances on a parallel track that will allow coordinated implementation of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program in time for the 2019 boating season. Public Works staff anticipates bringing the ordinance to the Council for adoption at the February 26th meeting.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 if you have any questions regarding this information.

Attachment