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SHERIFF'S OFFICE**


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Bill Elfo, Sheriff 

**DATE:** July 1, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Interlocal Agreement Between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for Actions to Support the Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Enclosed for your review and signature are two (2) original agreements between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for Actions to Support the Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

**Background and Purpose**

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are capable of impacting water quality, recreational use, public and private water supply systems, and the aquatic ecology of Lake Whatcom and Lake Samish.

The City of Bellingham (City) and Whatcom County (County) through regulatory action have established in respective codes (Bellingham Municipal Code 12.12.280 and Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.27A) the joint AIS Boat Inspection Program for the purpose of protecting Lake Whatcom and Lake Samish from invasive species impacts.

The Sheriff's Office is currently the only local law enforcement agency in Whatcom County that operates a state approved boating safety program under WAC 352-65 and has the jurisdictional authority and capability of conducting on-the-water patrols and providing education and enforcement of city and county codes. The City agrees to provide funding for the Sheriff's Office to conduct marine patrols and provide education and enforcement of regulatory requirements.

**Funding Amount and Source**

\$28,800 from the City of Bellingham.

Please contact Undersheriff Chadwick at extension 6618 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the term of this agreement.

Thank you.