



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

File Number: AB2023-416

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### **TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 11.20.025, Flotation Devices on the South Fork of the Nooksack River, to better protect ESA-listed Chinook salmon

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 11.20.025, Flotation Devices on the South Fork of the Nooksack River, to better protect ESA-listed Chinook salmon by restricting the use of specific flotation devices on the South Fork between the dates of June 1 and October 31, except under certain circumstances. The provisions of this ordinance will be in effect until the number of the South Fork Nooksack Early Chinook natural-origin spawners reach 50% of the recovery goal of 9,900.

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### **HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

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Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/20/2023	Council	SUBSTITUTE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 4 Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway	
		Nay: 3 Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner	
07/11/2023	Council	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	
		Aye: 4 Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway	
		Nay: 2 Byrd, and Elenbaas	
		Absent: 1 Kershner	

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**Attachments:** Adopted Ordinance 2023-040, Adopted Ordinance 2023-040 Strike, Substitute Ordinance Introduced 6.20.2023, South Fork Presentation, 2022 SEPA Determination, Notice of Public Hearing after 6.20.2023, Joint Letter from Fish and Wildlife, Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe, Letter from WRIA 1 Environmental Caucus, Presentation for 7.11.2023, Public Hearing Sign In Sheet, Notice of Action Taken on 7.11.2023.pdf