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Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: Joseph P. Rutan, P.E., Assistant Director / County Engineer
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager *EL*

Date: June 21, 2019

Re: **Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board
North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage Project, CRP No. 919007**

Enclosed for your review and signature is one original of a Whatcom County Council resolution.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests the County Council approve a resolution which authorizes Public Works to submit an application to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) for grant funding assistance to complete preliminary engineering, alternatives analysis and prepare a final bid ready package to remove a fish passage barrier on Kenney Creek at North Fork Road. The resolution also authorizes the Whatcom County Executive to enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

Background and Purpose

A pre-application was submitted to the FBRB in June 2018 to request financial assistance to design and permit a project to restore full fish passage at an existing poorly functioning fishway and culvert where Kenney Creek crosses under North Fork Road approximately 1-mile north of Mosquito Lake Road. The ranked FBRB statewide list formed the basis for a funding request to the Washington State Legislature. The final state budget includes funding for the Kenney Creek project.

The RCO requires an authorizing resolution prior to issuing a grant agreement. The RCO uses a standard template preapproved by the Washington State Attorney General's Office; this template was retained and formatted to meet Whatcom County Council standards.

Funding Amount and Source

The Washington State Legislature has approved \$443,000 in FBRB grant funds. The required local cost share of \$80,000 will be funded with local road funds. The estimated project cost for the preliminary engineering phase of this project is \$523,000. This project is listed as Item No. 31 on the 2019 Annual Construction Program.

Please contact James at extension 6264 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.