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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, Executive, and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director 

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
John N. Thompson, Senior Salmon Recovery Planner

DATE: August 27, 2019

RE: **Agreement with Washington Department of Ecology for 2019-2020
Washington Conservation Corps Crew Sponsorship**

Requested Action:

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a 2019-2020 Washington Conservation Corps Crew Agreement between the Washington Department of Ecology and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose:

Public Works proposes to sponsor a 5-member plus supervisor Washington Conservation Corps Crew for the 2019-2020 service term. The crew will assist Public Works programs with salmon habitat and stormwater project site maintenance, water quality monitoring, and assist the Noxious Weed Control program and Parks. The crew will also be available for emergency response. The crew is shared with Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) under a separate agreement with Ecology and NSEA will provide funding and crew and equipment space.

Funding Amount and Source:

Funding for this agreement is included in the Public Works – Natural Resource Division 2019 budget and the 2020 proposed budget. The agreement is not to exceed \$148,600.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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