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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH:

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM:

Gary S. Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager

John N. Thompson, Senior Salmon Recovery Planner,

RE:

U.S. Geological Survey - Joint Funding Agreement

DATE:

November 6, 2019

Requested Action

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a Joint Funding Agreement (No. 20YGJFA20075) between the United States Department of Interior, Geological Survey (USGS) and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

This Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS will provide for continued data collection, real-time data access, and publication of surface water data at 8 stream gaging stations in the Nooksack River watershed for the 2020 water year (October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020). These gaging stations were selected to provide data that complements data collected at other USGS and Ecology gaging sites and which collectively support watershed management and salmon recovery in WRIA 1.

Funding Amount and Source

This one-year agreement is for \$89,296. There is budget authority under the approved 2019 Natural Resources budget for the fourth quarter 2019 work and funding for this project has been included in the 2020 Natural Resources budget request for the remainder of the work.

Differences from Previous Contract

This new agreement reflects a 3.3% increase over the previous agreement amount of \$86,391 (WCC 201809007).

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

Encl.