WHATCOM COUNTY Parks & Recreation 3373 Mount Baker Highway Bellingham, WA 98226-9097



Michael G. McFarlane, Director Christ Thomsen, Operations Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Council Members and Executive Sidhu

FROM:

Michael McFarlane, Director

DATE:

May 21st, 2021

RE:

Upper Skookum Creek Conservation and Public Access Easement

I am requesting approval of and authorization for the County Executive to purchase a Conservation and Public Access Easement from the Whatcom Land Trust in the amount of \$1,250,000.

The easement will assist the Land Trust in completing the transaction for the acquisition of the 1,000-acre Upper Skookum Creek property for conservation purposes. Public access is included in the agreement.

Funding for this transaction will be from the Conservation Futures Fund and is pending Council approval of a companion budget supplement.

Thank you