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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager   
Austin Rose, Planner I, Natural Resources

**DATE:** September 21, 2021

**RE:** State of Washington Department of Ecology Grant Agreement SEANWS-2021-WhCoPW-00004 Northwest Straits Project: Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects

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Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an interagency agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for Whatcom Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects.

**Background and Purpose**

This grant agreement will fund administrative support and action projects for the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee including remote beach cleanups, water quality monitoring, bull kelp surveys, forage fish spawning surveys, and monitoring of a pilot Olympia oyster restoration project.

**Funding Amount and Source**

This grant agreement with Washington Department of Ecology provides the County with \$196,000.00 for administrative and technical support to the MRC and to implement action projects. No match is required.

Please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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