

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DIRECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SKAGIT RIVER COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT IMPROVES FLOOD CONTROL AND BENEFITS SALMON RECOVERY

WHEREAS, Skagit County desires to expedite the development and construction of technically and environmentally feasible flood control improvements that also benefit salmon recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Flood Control Committee has been the official mechanism most often utilized by Skagit County to communicate with stakeholders on Skagit River flood control issues; and,

WHEREAS, Skagit County finds that a mechanism with broader stakeholder representation is now desired to effectively communicate about and seek solutions for flood control improvements that also benefit salmon recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District, established August 5, 1970 via Resolution #5325 and as subsequently amended, provides a mechanism for multi-stakeholder participation in the development of recommendations for Skagit River flood control improvements that also benefit salmon recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District (District) shall henceforth replace the Skagit County Flood Control Committee as the official mechanism for Skagit County to communicate with stakeholders on flood control issues; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District shall be structured as described in Attachment 1 for the purpose of recommending a Skagit River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan that improves flood protection and also benefits salmon recovery; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the entities listed on Attachment 2 shall be invited to join the Executive Committee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Committee shall, once organized, begin by recommending short term funding options based on drafts developed by staff to fund the development of the Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Committee shall then work on Plan components based on drafts developed by staff to create a draft Plan to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Committee shall also recommend long term funding options based on drafts developed by staff to fund construction of the recommended projects; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, three Technical Committees shall be established to meet quarterly, or more less often as necessary during the development of the Plan to represent the interest areas of Dike and Drainage Districts, Environmental, and Land Use, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee as requested; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the entities listed on Attachment 3 for each interest area shall be invited to join a respective Technical Committee to represent his/her constituents and to provide input on flood control issues, including flood control improvements that also benefit salmon recovery; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, staff is directed to implement the actions described in this Resolution, support the efficient and effective operation of the District structure and committees described in Attachments 1, 2 and 3, and maintain frequent communication with the US Army Corps to optimize the likelihood the Plan's recommendations will be eligible for inclusion in the Skagit River Feasibility Study/General Investigation and the potential for federal funding assistance for project construction.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, _____.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SHARON D. DILLON, Chair

DON MUNKS, Commissioner

KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney