RESOLUTION NO. ________

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners did by Resolution R2007-______ establish the purpose and organization of the Countywide Flood Control Zone District (FCZD); and,

WHEREAS, the FCZD serves as the official mechanism for stakeholders to provide advice and recommendations to the Skagit County Board of Commissioners (Board) regarding countywide flood control policies and programs including Skagit River flood control improvements that also benefit salmon recovery; and

WHEREAS, Skagit County desires to expedite the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP) including technically and environmentally feasible flood control improvements that also benefit salmon recovery; and,

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 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 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 their constituents and 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

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Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney