

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO.
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR FLOODING**

**SKAGIT COUNTY
Resolution # R20200164
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WHEREAS, the E. Fork Nookachamps and Turner Creek watersheds within Skagit County Drainage District #21 has been experiencing ongoing flooding caused by blockage of sediment and debris within the drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, the blockage of drainage has caused localized flooding in the Turner Creek and E. Fork Nookachamps Watersheds, resulting in damage and loss of private property and a significant decline in fish habitat; and

WHEREAS, the localized flooding has jeopardized the safety of the community by flooding roads which are required for emergency services, daily traffic, mail service, and school transportation; and

WHEREAS, the flooding of private property causes a public health risk by the potential compromise of over 44 onsite septic systems in the Turner Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, it was and has become necessary for Drainage District #21 to declare an emergency to take action to help prevent further damage to private property; and

WHEREAS, Skagit County has partnered with Drainage District #21 to correct drainage problems in the Turner Creek and E. Fork of the Nookachamps through an interlocal agreement (C20170471); and

WHEREAS, As per our interlocal agreement with Drainage District #21 (C20170471 & A20200115), Drainage District #21 shall be solely liable for all project work, including permitting and necessary mitigation; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.33.081 allows Skagit County to waive the competitive bidding requirements in accordance with RCW 39.04.280 in the event of an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners does hereby declare that an emergency exists effective 11:15 a.m., September 15, 2020, and hereby authorize the expenditure of funds to assist Drainage District #21 as required to meet the emergency.

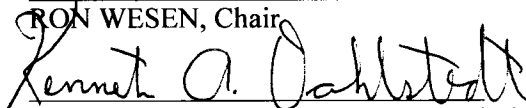
DATED this 15th day of September 2020



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



RON WESEN, Chair



KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Commissioner

RECUSED

LISA JANICKI, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board