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Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, County Executive
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Whatcom County Fire Chiefs

FROM: Mitch Nolze, Fire Inspector

THROUGH: Wain Harrison, Deputy Fire Marshal

DATE: July 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Burn Ban Will Be In Effect

All open burning under the jurisdiction of unincorporated Whatcom County is hereby suspended, starting at **08:00AM** the **26th** day of **July**, by order of Whatcom County Deputy Fire Marshal, Wain Harrison. The suspension is due to dry weather conditions ahead and low fuel moisture levels. The ban is in effect until further notice.

For current burn ban information please call **778-5903**.

Also, visit the Fire Marshal's website at: <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/381/Fire-Marshal>

If the property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, please call 1-800-323-BURN for burn ban information.

Recreational and camp fires no larger than three (3) feet in diameter in an approved enclosure will still be allowed:

RECREATIONAL FIRE/CAMPFIRE

- **UP TO 3' X 3' OF SEASONED FIREWOOD OR CHARCOAL ONLY**
- **MUST HAVE ENCLOSURE 16" HIGH, MADE OF STEEL OR CEMENT BLOCKS.**
 - ****ALTERNATE FOR BEACH FIRES (WHERE ALLOWED) IS 8" DEEP PIT WITH 4" HIGH STONE WALL AROUND****
- **25 FT. FROM STRUCTURES, TIMBER, COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL**
- **GARDEN HOSE OR (2) 5-GALLON BUCKETS OF WATER AT FIRE**
- **HAND TOOLS REQUIRED ON-SITE**
- **ALLOWED AFTER DARK WHEN ATTENDED**
- **FIRES MUST BE ATTENDED UNTIL OUT COLD AND DOUSED WITH WATER**
- **NO BURNING WHEN WINDS EXCEED 7 MPH.**