

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

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**Jack Louws**  
County Executive

November 25, 2015

Heather Bartlett  
Water Quality Program Manager  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia WA, 98504

**RE: Lake Whatcom Watershed TMDL Dispute Resolution**

Dear Ms. Bartlett:

Whatcom County received your letter dated November 12, 2015 which states the Department of Ecology's acceptance of the clarification document (attached) related to the Lake Whatcom Watershed Total Phosphorus and Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Water Quality Improvement Report and Implementation Strategy. Your letter states that Ecology considers the County's acceptance of this clarification document to be resolution of the dispute.

Therefore, I am writing to inform the Department of Ecology of Whatcom County's acceptance of the clarification document with the County's mutual agreement that this resolves this dispute. Whatcom County concurs that the resolution document provides mutually agreed clarifications on how the TMDL will be implemented.

Please feel free to contact the appropriate staff at Whatcom County if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JL", is written over the typed name and title of Jack Louws.

Jack Louws  
County Executive

cc: Gary Stoyka, Public Works  
Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office