

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2006 - 240

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
<i>Originator:</i>	B. Brenner	5/23/2006		5/23/2006	Introduction
<i>Division Head:</i>				6/6/06	Council
<i>Dept. Head:</i>					
<i>Prosecutor:</i>					
<i>Purchasing/Budget:</i>					
<i>Executive:</i>					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
 Joint Resolution regarding proposed Northwood Nooksack Tribal Casino

ATTACHMENTS:

<i>SEPA review required?</i> () Yes () NO	<i>Should Clerk schedule a hearing ?</i> () Yes () NO
<i>SEPA review completed?</i> () Yes () NO	<i>Requested Date:</i>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*
 Joint Resolution regarding the proposed Northwood Nooksack Tribal Casino.

COMMITTEE ACTION:	COUNCIL ACTION: 5/23/06: Withdrawn from Introduction 6/06/06: Council amended and Approved 4-2-1 McShane & Caskey-Schreiber opposed and Fleetwood abstained Res. 2006-035
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res 2006-035
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PROPOSED BY: Brenner
SPONSORED BY: Consent
INTRODUCED: May 23, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-035

JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED NORTHWOOD NOOKSACK TRIBAL CASINO

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council and the tribes of Whatcom County have enjoyed a fruitful and productive government to government relationship for many years; and,

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council deeply appreciates its friendship and opportunities for collaboration and cooperation with the Nooksack Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Council respects all rights accorded the Nooksack Tribe within its treaty agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council and the Nooksack Tribe, along with other agencies, groups, departments, jurisdictions, and concerned residents have worked to preserve and protect resource lands in Whatcom County; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture lands are resource lands of very high significance to Whatcom County, the Nooksack Tribe, and others; and,

WHEREAS, the site where the Nooksack Tribe is planning to build a large casino is among the most prime agriculture land in Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, this site sits on top of a very high aquifer recharge area that is extremely sensitive to any degradation; and

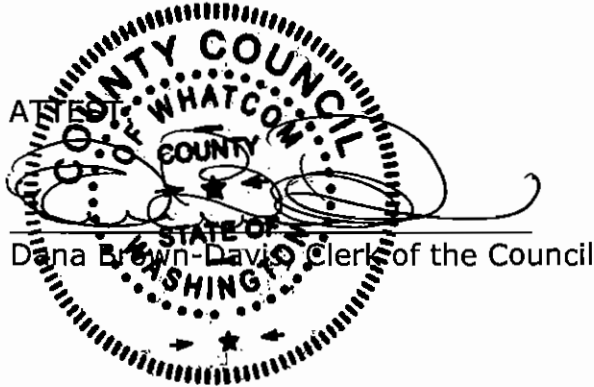
WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act mandates that Whatcom County protect and preserve agriculture lands; and

WHEREAS, the Nooksack Tribe and many other entities have worked with Whatcom County to ensure protection of agriculture lands and aquifer recharge areas.

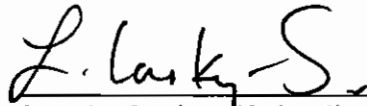
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council looks forward to conducting a joint meeting with the Nooksack Tribe to enter into discussions with Whatcom County to protect, possibly through mitigation measures, resource lands and aquifer recharge areas and that these discussions take place before further development occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council and the Nooksack Tribe will enter into discussions with regards to growth management related issues, such as traffic impacts, air quality, and potential groundwater impairment.

APPROVED this 6 day of June, 2006.



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair

(Councilmember Caskey-Schreiber signs this resolution as part of her duty as chair of the Council. However, she was not in favor of this resolution)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

NOOKSACK TRIBE

Narcisco Cunanan, Nooksack Tribe Chair