



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Public Infrastructure and Conservation

**Analyst:** Deb Evison Bell

**ECAF:** 2023-0561

**Proposal:** Motion 23-212

**Date:** June 6, 2023

### **Consideration:**

The proposed motion would approve and authorize the County Executive to sign Agreement #SMWCC06-23 for Professional Services with Rhithron Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$163,000, under SCC 3.04.190.

### **Background:**

Snohomish County has determined the need for specialized skills to complete the benthic macroinvertebrate analysis, data collection and data upload into the regional Benthic Index of Biological Integrity (BIBI). Snohomish County selected Rhithron, Associates, Inc., through RFP-23-007RB, following established Federal, State and County policies. A Professional Services Agreement between Snohomish County and Rhithron Associates, Inc. has been negotiated.

### **Current Proposal:**

*Scope:* The proposed Agreement will assist the County in the identification of healthy or impaired waters that will guide programs and management actions.

*Duration:* The Agreement is proposed to be effective upon execution and shall terminate December 31, 2027.

*Fiscal Implications:* The total amount of this contract with Rhithron Associates, Inc. is not to exceed \$163,000.00.

**2023 Budget:** There is funding available in the current SWM budget.

**Future Budget Impacts:** Reviewed and approved by Finance.

**Handling:** URGENT

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Risk Management:** APPROVE

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE

**Requests:** For Council to move the motion to GLS on June 7, 2023, for consideration, as the request is marked urgent, with the first season sample date of June 15.