



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Operations  
**ECAF:** 2021-0536  
**Motion:** 21-260

**Analyst:** Nicole Gorle  
**Date:** July 23, 2021

### **Consideration:**

Motion 21-260 would approve On-Call Tax Assignment #3 with Equinox Research and Consulting International Inc.

### **Background:**

Snohomish County purchased the property known as Meadowdale Beach County Park in 1968 with the intent to create a public park that has beach access. In furtherance of this goal, Snohomish County entered into an agreement with BNSF in 1987 to allow the County to install a culvert under the railroad embankment and within the railroad's right-of-way in order to allow fish passage and creek flow from Lund's Gulch Creek. The County additionally installed pedestrian access to the beach in 1988 within the culvert tunnel.

Over time, stormwater runoff had resulted in an accumulation of gravel at the culvert entrance which has hampered fish passage and pedestrian access. As a result, the County determined that it was necessary to replace 130 feet of railroad embankment with a railroad bridge, creating an estuary for salmon habitat, and installing picnic areas and a footbridge allowed for safe fish passage while still providing pedestrian access. Total project cost is estimated to be \$15 million, with just shy of \$7 million coming from grants and \$8 million from County REET funds and bonds.

Construction commenced on June 15, 2021. Per the Army Corp of Engineers, an archeologist is required to be on site monitoring the work each day, and if one is not on-site work would have to pause.

### **Current Proposal:**

**Scope:** Allows for up to 30 days of archaeological monitoring, keeping accurate notes, and detailed photo logs. Services will be provided on an as needed basis.

**Duration:** Effective for the duration of the project

**Amount:** \$34,850

*This includes 30 (8) hour days by an Archaeologist, (5) hours for a Principal Investigator, (2) hours for an Archaeologist 4, (18) hours of GIS and office field support, (50) hours for an Archaeological Technician, and fuel for mileage (up to \$1,596).*

**2021 Budget:** Yes

**Future Budget Impact:** No

**Handling:** Expedite – End of July

*The County's archaeologist is going on vacation the beginning of August, if not approved by the end of July the project would have to pause until the County archeologist returned or this ECAF is approved for the on-call archaeologist to fill in.*

**Approved-as-to-form:** N/A

**Risk Management:** Yes

**Executive Recommendation:** Approve

**Attachment:** None

**Amendments:** None

**Request:** Move to GLS on July 28, 2021 for consideration