



# WHATCOM COUNTY

## HEARING EXAMINER

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### HEARING EXAMINER AGENDA

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.**

The Whatcom County Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on the following:

1:30 p.m. [Whatcom County Public Works / SHR2025-00008](#)

The Applicant, Whatcom County Public Works, is requesting a permit to replace a deteriorating culvert and associated tide gate which runs beneath Birch Bay Drive at Lora Lane. Approximately 100 linear feet (LF) of 48-inch culvert will be replaced with a new 63 LF concrete box culvert (6 ft tall x 7 ft wide) with a tide gate at the discharge. Excess removed culvert will be daylighted and left as open stream bed. Approximately 15 ft of timber bulkhead will be removed and concrete wingwalls will be installed. Mitigation for temporary buffer impacts and temporary utility relocations are included. The purpose of this project is to alleviate flooding in the area and allow fish passage.

Property is addressed as right-of-way at Birch Bay Dr. and Lora Ln.

*Note: Click on the permit numbers above to view related documents and exhibits.*

#### Meeting Participation Information

Hearings are held in a hybrid format, unless otherwise posted. Members of the public may join via Zoom, using the link below or attend in person at the Whatcom County Courthouse, Council Chambers, 311 Grand Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225. This meeting will be recorded.

Individuals who require special assistance to participate are asked to contact the Hearing Examiner Coordinator at 360.778.5040 at least 96 hours in advance.

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