Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, County Executive
   Fire & Police Dispatch
   County & City Officials
   Fire Chiefs

FROM: Wain Harrison, Deputy Fire Marshal

THROUGH: Mitch Nolze, Fire Inspector

DATE: September 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Burn Ban Lifted

All open burning restrictions under the jurisdiction of Whatcom County are hereby lifted, starting at 08:00 AM the 27th day of September, by order of Whatcom County Deputy Fire Marshal Wain Harrison. Written permits will not be available until Monday, September 29th at 08:30 AM.

For current outdoor burning information and to obtain a burn permit everyone must call 676-6934. A verbal permit can also be issued at this number for any fire that meets all of the criteria for fires not exceeding 4’ x 4’. All outdoor burning requires a permit, except legal recreational fires.

A permanent ban on open burning remains in effect in the Cities of Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale, Blaine, Everson, Nooksack, Sumas, Birch Bay, Kendall, the Cherry Point area and their Urban Growth Areas.

If property falls under the jurisdiction of the Washington Department of Natural Resources, please call 1-800-323-BURN for burn ban information.

Please remember as outdoor burning restrictions are lifted:

- Recreational fires must meet the specific criteria listed in the Northwest Clean Air Agency’s Outdoor Burning Permit pamphlet and on the County Fire Marshal’s web page. (http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/build/fire)
- Only natural vegetation, grown on the burn site property, is allowed to be burned. (Exception for seasoned firewood or charcoal for recreational fires)
- Any repeat violator sites should be forwarded to the Fire Marshal’s Office for follow-up, or request a fire investigator to be paged while on-scene to begin the enforcement process when educational contacts have failed.