MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Wain Harrison, Whatcom County Deputy Fire Marshal

DATE: August 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Recreational Fire Restriction Lifted

Recreational fire restrictions under the jurisdiction of Whatcom County are hereby lifted, starting at 09:00AM the 16th day of August, by order of Whatcom County Deputy Fire Marshal Wain Harrison. The removal of restrictions is due to recent rain and increased fuel moisture levels.

Land clearing and yard debris fires are still prohibited until further notice.

For current burn ban information please call 676-6934.

There is still a burn ban in place from July 1st through September 30th, 2013 for all lands protected by the State Department of Natural Resources. For information on these restrictions, please phone 1-800-323-BURN (2876).

Recreational fires (camp fires) no larger than three (3) feet in diameter, in an approved enclosure will be allowed, provided winds do not exceed 7 MPH.

Please contact the Fire Marshal’s Office if your agency needs Northwest Clean Air Burn Permit pamphlets for educational purposes.

**Fire Departments: Please refresh your crews with the very specific requirements of a recreational fire:**

- 25’ from standing timber or any structure with overhead clearance of 15’.
- May burn ONLY seasoned firewood or charcoal (no yard debris, branches, milled lumber, etc.)
- Must be in an enclosure: No larger than three (3) feet in diameter, minimum of 16” high walls made of cement block, rock, or #10 gauge steel.
- Material being burned must be below the walls of the enclosure.
- Charged garden hose or two 5-gallon buckets filled and on-site.
- Shovel or rake must be on-site.
- A person 16 or older must be in attendance at all times while the fire is hot.
- Landowner’s permission must be obtained if not on the person’s own property. This includes County, State, US Forest Park areas where an established fire ring is not in place. (i.e. Birch Bay County beaches, and other public accessible lands without fire pits established)