

**RESOLUTION NO. 1359**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29A.76 RCW AND CHAPTER 53.16 RCW, PROVIDING FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF THE EXISTING PORT COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS (SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NOS. 1003, AND 1153)**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 53.12.010 was amended in 1992 to provide that port commissioner districts must be coextensive with county legislative districts wherein the port district is county wide, the county has a population of less than 500,000, and the county has three legislative authority districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with RCW 53.12.010, the Commission formally adopted Res. No. 1003 on June 15, 1993, and Resolution No. 1153 on December 4, 2001, officially designating the Port of Bellingham commissioner districts to be coextensive with the then existing three county legislative authority districts; a map of the then existing three county legislative authority districts with the current port commissioner numbers assigned for each respective district is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Districts"); and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 the Whatcom County Council increased its county legislative authority districts to five; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is unclear in the law concerning what actions, if any, the Port of Bellingham is required to take with regards to the Districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 the Districts were analyzed by Port of Bellingham using the 2010 federal decennial census information for Whatcom County; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2017, pursuant to 29A.76.010(5) the Commission of the Port of Bellingham held a public hearing concerning affirmation of the use of these Districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the commissioners of the Port of Bellingham considered the criteria set forth in RCW 29A.76.010(4) to wit:

- (a) Each internal director, council, or commissioner district shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each and every other such district comprising the municipal corporation, county, or special purpose district.
- (b) Each district shall be as compact as possible.
- (c) Each district shall consist of geographically contiguous area.
- (d) Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party.

(e) To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the municipal corporation, county, or district, the district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Bellingham now desires to affirm that it will continue to use the Districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Districts depicted on Exhibit "A" meet the criteria set forth in RCW 29A.76.010(4).

2. That the Districts depicted on Exhibit "A" with the corresponding commission district numbers are hereby affirmed as the commission districts for the Port of Bellingham.

3. Port of Bellingham Resolutions Nos. 1003, and 1153 are superseded by this Resolution.

**ADOPTED** at the open public meeting with all Port commissioners present this \_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_, February, 2017

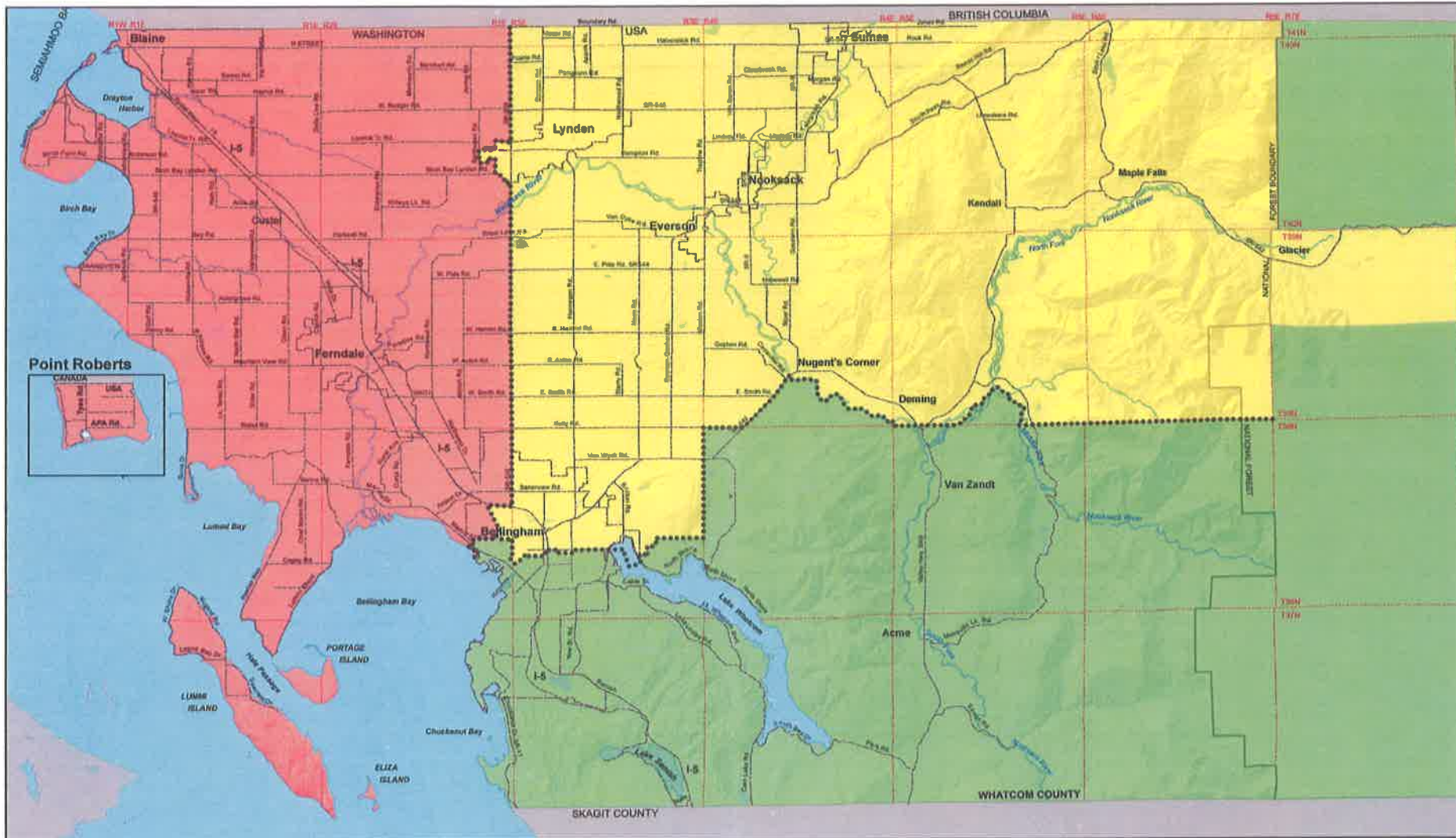
**PORT OF BELLINGHAM COMMISSION**

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Daniel M. Robbins, President

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Bobby Briscoe, Vice President

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Michael McAuley, Secretary

Exhibit 'A'



# Whatcom County Port/PUD Districts 2017

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3

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