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CRITICAL AREA STUDY

FOR

ARLINGTON VALLEY ROAD PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION

Wetland Resources, Inc. conducted a site investigation on February 25, 2015 on a property located between 197th Place NE and 191st Place NE in the city of Arlington, WA (within a portion of Section 14 Township 31N, Range 5E, W.M.). The Snohomish County tax ID number for the site is 31051400303100. The purpose of the site investigation was to identify and delineate regulated wetlands in the vicinity of a 1,306 square foot proposed right of way (ROW) for Arlington Valley Road. During the site investigation, WRI identified a Category III wetland and a Type F stream on the subject site.

The site is irregularly shaped and accessed from the north via an existing gravel road that extends south off 74th Ave NE. Surrounding land use consists of a mix of commercial/industrial use, undeveloped land and residential use. Evidence of historical clearing and grading from previous uses can be found throughout the site. Generally, the site topography consists of relatively flat ground in the northwestern portion, and berms and depressions throughout the middle portion. There are currently no existing structures on the site. Vegetation in the northwestern portion consists of reed canary grass, Himalayan blackberry, and red alder saplings. The remainder of the site is vegetated with an over story of red alder and an understory of salmonberry, red elderberry, Himalayan blackberry, and sparse red-osier dogwood.

WRI identified a regulated wetland in the southeastern portion of the site. It is a depressional, forested wetland that is presumed to extend off-site to the south. It is bounded on its eastern edge by a man-made berm. This berm runs north and south along the eastern half of the property and appears to have been historically used as a gravel access road. On the immediate east side of the berm is a fish-bearing (Type F) stream. There is no on-site hydrologic connection between the wetland and the stream, due to the berm between the two features. The channel along the eastern side of the berm is well-defined.

According to the City of Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 20.93, wetlands are to be classified according to Department of Ecology (DOE) Publication #93-74. It is our understanding that the City is implementing an updated Critical Areas Ordinance in June 2015, which will utilize the 2014 Updated DOE Wetland Rating System (Publication #14-06-029). According to both rating systems, the on-site wetland is classified as a Category III wetland. Pursuant to AMC 20.88.830, Category III wetlands on sites with high intensity land use are typically dedicated 50-foot buffers.

The on-site stream has been documented as containing Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) habitat, according to WDFW PHS on the Web and WDFW SalmonScape (accessed on 3/1/15). Puget Sound Coho salmon is federally listed as a Candidate species. As such it appears that the on-site stream channel shall be dedicated a 150-foot buffer according to AMC 20.93.730.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is to dedicate a right-of-way for the proposed Arlington Valley Road, which would extend from 74th Ave. NE southward from 204th St. NE to connect with 191 Place NE. The right-of-way will mostly run through the western portion of the property. If design plans for the new right-of-way result in unavoidable impacts to on-site critical areas or their buffers, a mitigation plan to restore critical area functions will be prepared.

REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION

Before conducting the on-site investigation, a literature review was performed to identify records of wetlands and streams within the project area. The following information was examined:

- National Wetlands Inventory map of project area - online version located at: http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/mapper.html)
- Web Soil Survey (USDA) located at: http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/pnw_soil/wa_reports.html
- City of Arlington Land Use Code, Title 20, Chapter 20.93 Environmentally Critical Areas
- Snohomish County Landscape Imaging "Snoscape" website located at: http://gis.snoco.org/maps/snoscape/viewer.htm
- National List of Vascular Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands: 1996 National Summary Indicator by Region and Subregion (USFWS, March 2, 1997)
- WDFW Priority Habitats and Species Maps – online version located at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/phs/

WETLAND AND STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS - COWARDIN SYSTEM

According to the Cowardin System, as described in Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States, the classification for the subject wetland and stream are:

Wetland: Palustrine, Forested, Deciduous, Seasonally Flooded/Saturated

Stream: Riverine, Perennial, Streambed, Gravel Bottom

WETLAND AND STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS – CITY OF ARLINGTON

According to the City of Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 20.93, wetlands are to be classified according to Department of Ecology (DOE) Publication #93-74. However, it is our understanding that the City is implementing an updated Critical Areas Ordinance in June 2015, which will utilize the 2014 Updated DOE Wetland Rating System (Publication #14-06-029).

For the purposes of this report, the on-site wetland was rated according to both publications. Based on both rating systems, the on-site wetland is classified as a Category III wetland. Details of how the wetland is rated under the 2014 Updated DOE Rating System are provided below:

Wetland - Category III: The on-site wetland received a total score of 19 points on the 2014 DOE Rating Form. Wetlands with a score between 16-19 points are classified as Category III wetlands. Pursuant to AMC Chapter 20.93, Category III wetlands on sites with high intensity land uses are typically dedicated 50-foot buffers.

Stream – Type F: Available online resources have identified the subject stream as a Type F stream. Its channel width is 3-5 feet and it directly connects to Portage Creek (Type F), which is a tributary to the Stillaguamish River. This stream is known to support Coho salmon habitat. Puget Sound Coho salmon are federally listed as a Candidate species. As such, this stream shall be classified as a Type F stream with a 150-foot buffer, pursuant to AMC Chapter 20.93.

WETLAND DETERMINATION REPORT

Methodology

On site, the routine methodology described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region, Version 2.0, (manual) was used for this determination. Under this method, the general process for making a wetland determination is based on three sequential steps:

1.) Examination of the site for hydrophytic vegetation (species present and percent cover);
2.) If hydrophytic vegetation is found, then the presence of hydric soils is determined;
3.) The final step is determining if wetland hydrology exists in the area examined under the first two steps.

The following criteria descriptions were used in the boundary determination:

Vegetation Criteria

The manual defines hydrophytic vegetation as the sum total of macrophytic plant life that occurs in areas where the frequency and duration of inundation or soil saturation produce permanently or periodically saturated soils of sufficient duration to exert a controlling influence on the plant species present. One of the most common indicators for hydrophytic vegetation is when more than 50 percent of a plant community consists of species rated "Facultative" and wetter on lists of plant species that occur in wetlands.

Soils Criteria and Mapped Description

The manual defines hydric soils as those that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. Field indicators are used for determining whether a given soil meets the definition for hydric soils.

The soils underlying the site are mapped in the Soil Survey of Snohomish County Area Washington as Bellingham silty clay loam, Tokul gravelly medial loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes, Everett gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes.

Bellingham silty clay loam is described as a very deep, poorly drained soil in depressional areas. It formed in alluvium and lacustrine sediment. Typically, the surface layer is very dark gray silty clay loam about 9 inches thick. The subsoil to a depth of 60 inches or more is mottled, gray and olive silty clay. Included in this unit are small areas of Terric Medisaprists, very poorly drained organic soils, Norma soils along upland drainageways, Kitsap and Pastik soils on terraces and Bellingham soils that have been drained. Included soils make up about 10 percent of the total acreage. Permeability of this Bellingham soil is slow. Available water capacity is high. Bellingham silty clay loam is listed as hydric on the Washington State Hydric Soils List. Soils in the wetland portions of the site appear to match the description for Bellingham silty clay loam.

Tokul Gravelly Loam, 0-8 percent slopes, is described as moderately deep, moderately well drained soil on till plains. This soil formed in glacial till and volcanic ash. Typically, the surface is covered with a mat of leaves, twigs, and decomposed litter about two inches thick. The surface layer is dark brown gravelly loam about 4 inches thick. The subsoil is brown, strong brown, and dark yellowish brown gravelly loam about 18 inches thick. A hardpan is at a depth of about 31 inches. Permeability of this soil is moderate above the hardpan and very slow through it. Available water capacity is moderate. Included in this unit are areas of soils that have slopes of more than 8 percent, McKenna and Norma soils in depressional areas along drainageways on till plains, Terric Medisaprists in depressional areas on till plains, Winston and Pastik soils on terraces and outwash plains, and Ragnar soils on outwash plains. Included areas make up about 25 percent of the total acreage. McKenna and Norma soils are listed as hydric on the Hydric Soils List for Washington State.

Everett gravelly sandy loam, 0-8 percent slopes is described as very deep, somewhat excessively drained soil on terraces and outwash plains. It formed in glacial outwash. Typically, the surface layer, where mixed to a depth of about 6 inches, is dark brown gravelly sandy loam. The subsoil is dark brown very gravelly sandy loam about 12 inches thick. Included in this unit are small areas of Alderwood soils on till plains, Indianola soils on terraces and outwash plains, and Ragnar soils on outwash plains. Included areas make up about 15 percent of the total acreage. Permeability of this Everett soil is rapid. Available water capacity is low.

Hydrology Criteria

The manual states that "Wetland hydrology indicators are used in combination with indicators of hydric soil and hydrophytic vegetation to determine whether an area is a wetland under the Corps Manual. Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soil generally reflect a site's medium- to long-term wetness history. They provide readily observable evidence that episodes of inundation or soil saturation lasting more than a few days during the growing season have occurred repeatedly over a period of years and that the timing, duration, and frequency of wet conditions have been sufficient to produce a characteristic wetland plant community and hydric soil morphology." Field indicators are used for determining whether wetland hydrology parameters are met.

BOUNDARY DETERMINATION FINDINGS

Wetland

Dominant vegetation within the on-site wetland is dominated mostly by the presence of red alder (*Alnus rubra*, Fac) and salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*, Fac). The wetland also contains lesser amounts of red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*, FacW), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniucus*, FacU), and red elderberry (*Samucus racemosa*, FacU). There was very little ground cover vegetation observed within this wetland at the time of the site visit.

The underlying soils are typically black (10YR 2/1) sandy clay loam in the upper 7 inches of the surface and very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) loamy sand with brown (10YR 4/3) redoximorphic features covering approximately 5% of the matrix. The soils were saturated within the upper 12 inches of the surface.

The dominance of species rated "Facultative" or wetter meets the criteria for hydrophytic vegetation in the areas mapped as wetland. Based on field indicators of hydric soils, it appears that the areas mapped as wetland are saturated to the surface for more than 12.5 percent of the growing season, thereby fulfilling wetland hydrology criteria.

Non-Wetland

Dominant vegetation within upland areas adjacent to the wetland is dominated mostly by the presence of red alder (*Alnus rubra*, Fac), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*, Fac) and red elderberry (*Samucus racemosa*, FacU). The upland areas also contain lesser amount of Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniucus*, FacU).

The underlying soils are typically very dark brown (10YR 2/2) sandy loam from 0-2 inches, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) loamy sand from 2-11 inches with less than 2% dark yellowish (10YR 3/4) redoximorphic features, and very dark brown (10YR 2/2) sandy clay loam from 11-18+ inches. No redoximorphic features were detected in the soil profile below 11 inches. The soils were dry to slightly moist throughout the profile.

While the soil matrix was dark and gray, there was not a sufficient presence of redoximorphic features within the profile to meet a positive field indicator for wetland soils. Moreover, soils were not saturated within the upper 18 inches of the surface. Based on the lack of positive field indicators for hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and saturation, the areas mapped as non-wetland are not saturated to the surface for more than 12.5 percent of the growing season, thereby not fulfilling wetland hydrology criteria.

WETLAND FUNCTIONS AND VALUES ASSESSMENT

Methodology

The methodology for this functions and values assessment is based on professional opinion developed through past field analyses and interpretation. This assessment pertains specifically to the on-site wetland and stream system, but is typical for assessments of similar systems common to Western Washington.

Functional Components

Wetlands in Western Washington perform a variety of ecosystem functions. Included among the most important functions provided by wetlands are stormwater control, water quality improvement, fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetic value, recreational opportunities and education. The most commonly assessed functions and their descriptions are listed below. Assessments of these functions for the project site are provided in the "Analysis" section of this report.

Hydrologic Functions

Wetlands often function as natural water storage areas during periods of precipitation and flooding. By storing water that otherwise might be channeled into open flow systems, wetlands can attenuate or modify potentially damaging effects of storm events, reducing erosion and peak flows to downstream systems. Additionally, the soils underlying wetlands are often less permeable, providing long-term storage of stormwater or floodflow and controlling baseflows of downstream systems. Stormwater storage capacity and floodflow attenuation are generally a function of the size of the wetland and their topographic characteristics.

Water Quality

Surface water quality improvement is another evaluated function. Surface runoff during periods of precipitation increases the potential for sediments and pollutants to enter surface water. Wetlands improve water quality by acting as filters as water passes through them, trapping sediments and pollutants from surface water. Ponded areas within depressional wetlands also allow sediments to drop out of suspension, thereby increasing water quality. As development increases, the potential for polluted water to reach wetlands and streams also increases. Unnaturally high inputs of pollutants, which are often found in urbanized areas, along with the size of the wetlands and the vegetation structure within them are the main limiting factors of this function.

Wildlife Habitat

Wetlands have potential to provide diverse habitat for aquatic, terrestrial, and avian species for nesting, rearing, resting, cover, and foraging. Wildlife species are commonly dependent upon a variety of intermingled habitat types, including wetlands, adjacent uplands, large bodies of water, and movement corridors between them. Human intrusion, including development within and adjacent to wetlands, and impacts to movement corridors are the most limiting factors for wildlife habitat functions.

Value Assessment: Wetland A

Hydrologic Function

Potential for reducing flooding and erosion is moderate within the on-site wetland. This wetland is hydrogeomorphically classified as a depressional wetland. The wetland is separated from the adjacent stream by an existing gravel road grade. The wetland extends off-site and is presumed to be a closed depression without an outlet. The contributing basin surrounding the wetland is less than 5 times the size of the wetland. However, marks of ponding were less than .5 feet.

Potential for supporting hydrologic functions is moderate. The wetland does receive stormwater discharges. Excess discharges do not appear to occur within 150 feet of the wetland. More than 25% of the contributing basin of the wetland is covered by intensive human land uses. The potential for the on-site wetland to provide hydrologic functions and values to society are high, largely because of the flooding potential downstream.

Water Quality Function
Potential for improving water quality is moderate to high due to the physical characteristics of the wetland, including dense cover of woody vegetation, its depressional nature, and lack of outlet. Past and future land uses are likely indicators that stormwater does discharge into the wetland. There are waters immediately downstream that are listed on the 303(d) list, which also increases the value of this function. Based on these existing conditions, the on-site wetland offers moderate levels of water quality improvement.

Habitat Function
The on-site wetland has moderate potential for providing valuable habitat functions. In general, it contains low habitat diversity and is isolated from other diverse habitats in the vicinity. Plant diversity and special habitat features are limited within the wetland. More than fifty percent of the surrounding land use within one kilometer of the wetland consists of high intensity/developed land. The close proximity to the fish-bearing stream to the east does increase the habitat value somewhat, but the overall habitat potential within the on-site wetland is moderate.

USE OF THIS REPORT

This Critical Area Study the City of Arlington as a means of determining on-site critical area conditions, as required during the permitting process. This report is based largely on readily observable conditions and, to a lesser extent, on readily ascertainable conditions. No attempt has been made to determine hidden or concealed conditions.

The laws applicable to critical areas are subject to varying interpretations and may be changed at any time by the courts or legislative bodies. This report is intended to provide information deemed relevant in the applicant's attempt to comply with the laws now in effect.

The work for this report has conformed to the standard of cares employed by wetland ecologists. No other representation or warranty is made concerning the work or this report and any implied representation or warranty is disclaimed.

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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Arlington Valley Rd City/County: Arlington/Snohomish Sampling Date: 2/25/15

Applicant/Owner: City of Arlington State: WA Sampling Point: S1

Investigator(s): A. Bachman Section, Township, Range: S14/T31N/R5E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): <2

Subregion (LRR): LRR-A Lat: 48° 10.347'N Long: 122° 7.999'W Datum: _____

Soil Map Unit Name: Tokul gravelly medial loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☑ No ☐ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ☐, Soil ☐, or Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Are Vegetation ☐, Soil ☐, or Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ☑ No ☐	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ☐ No ☑
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ☐ No ☑	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ☐ No ☑	

Remarks:

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size:)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Alnus rubra	40	Y	Fac
2.			
3.			
4.			
	40	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:)			
1. Rubus spectabilis	65	Y	Fac
2. Sambucus racemosa	20	Y	FacU
3. Rubus armeniacus	5	N	FacU
4.			
5.			
	90	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
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4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
		= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
		= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species		x 1 = 0
FACW species		x 2 = 0
FAC species		x 3 = 0
FACU species		x 4 = 0
UPL species		x 5 = 0
Column Totals:	0 (A)	0 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = _____

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- ☐ Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]
- ☐ Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
- ☐ Wetland Non-Vascular Plants[1]
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: S1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-2	10YR 2/2	100					loam	dry
2-11	10YR 3/2	98	10YR 3/4	2			loamy sand	slightly moist
11-18	10YR 2/2	100					sa. cl. loam	slightly moist, mixed with charcoal

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ☐ Black Histic (A3)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ☐ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ☐ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ☐ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ☐ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**except MLRA 1**)
- ☐ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ☐ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ☐ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ☐ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ☐ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ☐ 2 cm Muck (A10)
- ☐ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type:_____

Depth (inches):_____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☑

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ☐ Surface Water (A1)
- ☐ High Water Table (A2)
- ☐ Saturation (A3)
- ☐ Water Marks (B1)
- ☐ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ☐ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ☐ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ☐ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ☐ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ☐ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ☐ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ☐ Salt Crust (B11)
- ☐ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ☐ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)
- ☐ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ☐ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ☐ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (**LRR A**)
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ☐ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ☐ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ☐ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ☐ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ☐ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ☐ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ☐ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- ☐ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ☐ No ☐ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ☐ No ☐ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☐ No ☐ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☑

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

saturation found below 18 inches.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Arlington Valley Rd City/County: Arlington/Snohomish Sampling Date: 2/25/15

Applicant/Owner: City of Arlington State: WA Sampling Point: S2

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Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ☑ No ☐	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ☑ No ☐	

Remarks:

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size:)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
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2.			
3.			
4.			
	45	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:)			
1. Rubus spectabilis	70	Y	Fac
2. Cornus albus	15	N	FacW
3. Sambucus racemosa	10	N	FacU
4.			
5.			
	95	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
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5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
		= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
		= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species		x 1 = 0
FACW species		x 2 = 0
FAC species		x 3 = 0
FACU species		x 4 = 0
UPL species		x 5 = 0
Column Totals:	0 (A)	0 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = _____

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- ☐ Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]
- ☐ Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
- ☐ Wetland Non-Vascular Plants[1]
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks:

SOIL

Sampling Point: S2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-7	10YR 2/1	100					sa. cl. loam	saturated
7-18	2.5Y 3/2	95	10YR 4/3	5			loamy sand	saturated

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ☐ Black Histic (A3)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ☐ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ☐ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ☐ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ☐ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**except MLRA 1**)
- ☐ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ☐ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ☑ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ☐ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ☐ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ☐ 2 cm Muck (A10)
- ☐ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type:_____

Depth (inches):_____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ☐ Surface Water (A1)
- ☐ High Water Table (A2)
- ☑ Saturation (A3)
- ☐ Water Marks (B1)
- ☐ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ☐ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ☐ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ☐ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ☐ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ☐ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ☐ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ☐ Salt Crust (B11)
- ☐ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ☐ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)
- ☐ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ☐ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ☐ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (**LRR A**)
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ☐ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ☐ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ☐ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ☐ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ☐ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ☐ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ☐ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- ☐ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0-18

Water Table Present? Yes ☐ No ☐ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☐ No ☐ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

saturation found below 18 inches.

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RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): WRA Date of site visit: 2/25/15

Rated by AB / NP Trained by Ecology? ✓ Yes ___ No Date of training 2014

HGM Class used for rating Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___ Y ✓ N

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested *(figures can be combined).*

Source of base aerial photo/map Google earth, SnoScape

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY III (based on functions ✓ or special characteristics ___)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

___ **Category I** – Total score = 23 - 27

___ **Category II** – Total score = 20 - 22

✓ **Category III** – Total score = 16 - 19

___ **Category IV** – Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
	Circle the appropriate ratings			
Site Potential	H (M) L	H (M) L	H M (L)	
Landscape Potential	H (M) L	H (M) L	H (M) L	
Value	(H) M L	H (M) L	(H) M L	TOTAL
Score Based on Ratings	7	6	6	19

Score for each function based on three ratings *(order of ratings is not important)*

9 = H,H,H
8 = H,H,M
7 = H,H,L
7 = H,M,M
6 = H,M,L
6 = M,M,M
5 = H,L,L
5 = M,M,L
4 = M,L,L
3 = L,L,L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY
Estuarine	I II
Wetland of High Conservation Value	I
Bog	I
Mature Forest	I
Old Growth Forest	I
Coastal Lagoon	I II
Interdunal	I II III IV
None of the above	✓

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Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington

Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	1
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	2
Location of outlet *(can be added to map of hydroperiods)*	D 1.1, D 4.1	2
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)*	D 2.2, D 5.2	1
Map of the contributing basin	D 4.3, D 5.3	2
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	3
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	D 3.1, D 3.2	4
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	D 3.3	4

Riverine Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	
Ponded depressions	R 1.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)*	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream *(can be added to another figure)*	R 4.1	
Map of the contributing basin	R 2.2, R 2.3, R 5.2	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	R 3.1	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	R 3.2, R 3.3	

Lake Fringe Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	L 1.1, L 4.1, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	L 1.2	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)*	L 2.2	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	L 3.1, L 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	L 3.3	

Slope Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	
Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)*	S 4.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure)	S 2.1, S 5.1	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	S 3.1, S 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	S 3.3	

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HGM Classification of Wetlands in Western Washington

For questions 1-7, the criteria described must apply to the entire unit being rated.

If the hydrologic criteria listed in each question do not apply to the entire unit being rated, you probably have a unit with multiple HGM classes. In this case, identify which hydrologic criteria in questions 1-7 apply, and go to Question 8.

1. Are the water levels in the entire unit usually controlled by tides except during floods?

   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe** – go to 1.1

   1.1 Is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?

   NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine) **YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is an **Estuarine** wetland and is not scored. This method **cannot** be used to score functions for estuarine wetlands.*

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is the only source (>90%) of water to it. Groundwater and surface water runoff are NOT sources of water to the unit.

   NO – go to 3 **YES** – The wetland class is **Flats**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Flats wetland, use the form for **Depressional** wetlands.*

3. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?
   ___The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface at any time of the year) at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size;
   ___At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 ft (2 m).

   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

4. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?
   ___The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   ___The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks,
   ___The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded**.

   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

   NOTE: Surface water does not pond in these type of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 ft deep).

5. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?
   ___The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,
   ___The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.

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NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

NOTE: The Riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time during the year? *This means that any outlet, if present, is higher than the interior of the wetland.*

NO – go to 7 **YES** – The wetland class is **Depressional**

7. Is the entire wetland unit located in a very flat area with no obvious depression and no overbank flooding? The unit does not pond surface water more than a few inches. The unit seems to be maintained by high groundwater in the area. The wetland may be ditched, but has no obvious natural outlet.

NO – go to 8 **YES** – The wetland class is **Depressional**

8. Your wetland unit seems to be difficult to classify and probably contains several different HGM classes. For example, seeps at the base of a slope may grade into a riverine floodplain, or a small stream within a Depressional wetland has a zone of flooding along its sides. GO BACK AND IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE HYDROLOGIC REGIMES DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 1-7 APPLY TO DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE UNIT (make a rough sketch to help you decide). Use the following table to identify the appropriate class to use for the rating system if you have several HGM classes present within the wetland unit being scored.

NOTE: Use this table only if the class that is recommended in the second column represents 10% or more of the total area of the wetland unit being rated. If the area of the HGM class listed in column 2 is less than 10% of the unit; classify the wetland using the class that represents more than 90% of the total area.

HGM classes within the wetland unit being rated	HGM class to use in rating
Slope + Riverine	Riverine
Slope + Depressional	Depressional
Slope + Lake Fringe	Lake Fringe
Depressional + Riverine along stream within boundary of depression	Depressional
Depressional + Lake Fringe	Depressional
Riverine + Lake Fringe	Riverine
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE

If you are still unable to determine which of the above criteria apply to your wetland, or if you have ***more than 2 HGM classes*** *within a wetland boundary, classify the wetland as Depressional for the rating.*

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DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS

Water Quality Functions - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

D 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?	
D 1.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland: Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3 Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2 Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1 Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1	3
D 1.2. The soil 2 in below the surface (or duff layer) is true clay or true organic *(use NRCS definitions)*. Yes = 4 No = 0	0
D 1.3. Characteristics and distribution of persistent plants (Emergent, Scrub-shrub, and/or Forested Cowardin classes): Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5 Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ½ of area points = 3 Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^1/_{10}$ of area points = 1 Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^1/_{10}$ of area points = 0	5
D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.* Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4 Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2 Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0	0
Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above	8

Rating of Site Potential If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** ✓ **6-11 = M** ___ **0-5 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

D 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?	
D 2.1. Does the wetland unit receive stormwater discharges? Yes = 1 No = 0	1
D 2.2. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants? Yes = 1 No = 0	0
D 2.3. Are there septic systems within 250 ft of the wetland? Yes = 1 No = 0	0
D 2.4. Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in questions D 2.1-D 2.3? Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0	0
Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above	1

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ✓ **1 or 2 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

D 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?	
D 3.1. Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list? Yes = 1 No = 0	0
D 3.2. Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where an aquatic resource is on the 303(d) list? Yes = 1 No = 0	1
D 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality (*answer YES if there is a TMDL for the basin in which the unit is found*)? Yes = 2 No = 0	0
Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above	1

Rating of Value If score is: ___ **2-4 = H** ✓ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS

Hydrologic Functions - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation

D 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?	
D 4.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland: Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4 Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2 Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1 Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0	4
D 4.2. Depth of storage during wet periods: *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For wetlands with no outlet, measure from the surface of permanent water or if dry, the deepest part.* Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7 Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5 Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3 The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3 Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1 Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft (6 in) points = 0	0
D 4.3. Contribution of the wetland to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3 The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0 Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5	5
Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above	9

Rating of Site Potential If score is: ___12-16 = H ✓ 6-11 = M ___0-5 = L *Record the rating on the first page*

D 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support hydrologic functions of the site?	
D 5.1. Does the wetland receive stormwater discharges? Yes = 1 No = 0	1
D 5.2. Is >10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate excess runoff? Yes = 1 No = 0	0
D 5.3. Is more than 25% of the contributing basin of the wetland covered with intensive human land uses (residential at >1 residence/ac, urban, commercial, agriculture, etc.)? Yes = 1 No = 0	1
Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above	2

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: ___3 = H ✓ 1 or 2 = M ___0 = L *Record the rating on the first page*

D 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?	
D 6.1. The unit is in a landscape that has flooding problems. *Choose the description that best matches conditions around the wetland unit being rated. Do not add points. Choose the highest score if more than one condition is met.* The wetland captures surface water that would otherwise flow down-gradient into areas where flooding has damaged human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds): • Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2 • Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1 The existing or potential outflow from the wetland is so constrained by human or natural conditions that the water stored by the wetland cannot reach areas that flood. *Explain why* _____ points = 0 There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0	2
D 6.2. Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan? Yes = 2 No = 0	0
Total for D 6 Add the points in the boxes above	2

Rating of Value If score is: ✓ 2-4 = H ___1 = M ___0 = L *Record the rating on the first page*

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RIVERINE AND FRESHWATER TIDAL FRINGE WETLANDS

Water Quality Functions - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

R 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?		
R 1.1. Area of surface depressions within the Riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event:		
Depressions cover > $^3/_4$ area of wetland	points = 8	
Depressions cover > ½ area of wetland	points = 4	
Depressions present but cover < ½ area of wetland	points = 2	
No depressions present	points = 0	
R 1.2. Structure of plants in the wetland (areas with >90% cover at person height, **not** Cowardin classes)		
Trees or shrubs > $^2/_3$ area of the wetland	points = 8	
Trees or shrubs > $^1/_3$ area of the wetland	points = 6	
Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > $^2/_3$ area of the wetland	points = 6	
Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > $^1/_3$ area of the wetland	points = 3	
Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < $^1/_3$ area of the wetland	points = 0	
Total for R 1	Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Site Potential If score is:___**12-16 = H** ___**6-11 = M** ___**0-5 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

R 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?		
R 2.1. Is the wetland within an incorporated city or within its UGA?	Yes = 2 No = 0	
R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
R 2.3. Does at least 10% of the contributing basin contain tilled fields, pastures, or forests that have been clearcut within the last 5 years?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
R 2.4. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
R 2.5. Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in questions R 2.1-R 2.4 Other sources _____	Yes = 1 No = 0	
Total for R 2	Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is:___**3-6 = H** ___**1 or 2 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

R 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?		
R 3.1. Is the wetland along a stream or river that is on the 303(d) list or on a tributary that drains to one within 1 mi?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
R 3.2. Is the wetland along a stream or river that has TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
R 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality? (*answer YES if there is a TMDL for the drainage in which the unit is found*)	Yes = 2 No = 0	
Total for R 3	Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Value If score is:___**2-4 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

Wetland name or number A

RIVERINE AND FRESHWATER TIDAL FRINGE WETLANDS

Hydrologic Functions - Indicators that site functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion

R 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?	
R 4.1. Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of wetland)/(average width of stream between banks).* If the ratio is more than 20 — points = 9 If the ratio is 10-20 — points = 6 If the ratio is 5-<10 — points = 4 If the ratio is 1-<5 — points = 2 If the ratio is < 1 — points = 1	
R 4.2. Characteristics of plants that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as forest or shrub. Choose the points appropriate for the best description (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height. These are NOT Cowardin classes).* Forest or shrub for > $^1/_3$ area OR emergent plants > $^2/_3$ area — points = 7 Forest or shrub for > $^1/_{10}$ area OR emergent plants > $^1/_3$ area — points = 4 Plants do not meet above criteria — points = 0	
Total for R 4 — Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Site Potential If score is:___**12-16 = H** ___**6-11 = M** ___**0-5 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

R 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?		
R 5.1. Is the stream or river adjacent to the wetland downcut?	Yes = 0 No = 1	
R 5.2. Does the up-gradient watershed include a UGA or incorporated area?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
R 5.3. Is the up-gradient stream or river controlled by dams?	Yes = 0 No = 1	
Total for R 5	Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is:___**3 = H** ___**1 or 2 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

R 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?	
R 6.1. Distance to the nearest areas downstream that have flooding problems? *Choose the description that best fits the site.* The sub-basin immediately down-gradient of the wetland has flooding problems that result in damage to human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds) — points = 2 Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1 No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0	
R 6.2. Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan? Yes = 2 No = 0	
Total for R 6 — Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Value If score is:___**2-4 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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LAKE FRINGE WETLANDS **Water Quality Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality	
L 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?	
L 1.1. Average width of plants along the lakeshore *(use polygons of Cowardin classes)*: Plants are more than 33 ft (10 m) wide — points = 6 Plants are more than 16 ft (5 m) wide and <33 ft — points = 3 Plants are more than 6 ft (2 m) wide and <16 ft — points = 1 Plants are less than 6 ft wide — points = 0	
L 1.2. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland: Choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. *These are not Cowardin classes. Area of cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* Cover of herbaceous plants is >90% of the vegetated area — points = 6 Cover of herbaceous plants is >$^2/_3$ of the vegetated area — points = 4 Cover of herbaceous plants is >$^1/_3$ of the vegetated area — points = 3 Other plants that are not aquatic bed > $^2/_3$ unit — points = 3 Other plants that are not aquatic bed in > $^1/_3$ vegetated area — points = 1 Aquatic bed plants and open water cover > $^2/_3$ of the unit — points = 0	
Total for L 1 — Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Site Potential If score is:___**8-12 = H** ___**4-7 = M** ___**0-3 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

L 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?	
L 2.1. Is the lake used by power boats? Yes = 1 No = 0	
L 2.2. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of wetland unit on the upland side in land uses that generate pollutants? Yes = 1 No = 0	
L 2.3. Does the lake have problems with algal blooms or excessive plant growth such as milfoil? Yes = 1 No = 0	
Total for L 2 — Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Landscape Potential: If score is:___**2 or 3 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

L 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?	
L 3.1. Is the lake on the 303(d) list of degraded aquatic resources? Yes = 1 No = 0	
L 3.2. Is the lake in a sub-basin where water quality is an issue (at least one aquatic resource in the basin is on the 303(d) list)? Yes = 1 No = 0	
L 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality? *Answer YES if there is a TMDL for the lake or basin in which the unit is found.* Yes = 2 No = 0	
Total for L 3 — Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Value If score is:___**2-4 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

Wetland name or number 4

LAKE FRINGE WETLANDS **Hydrologic Functions** - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to reduce shoreline erosion	
L 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?	
L 4.1. Distance along shore and average width of Cowardin classes along the lakeshore (**do not** include Aquatic bed): *Choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland.* > ¾ of distance is Scrub-shrub or Forested at least 33 ft (10 m) wide — points = 6 > ¾ of distance is Scrub-shrub or Forested at least 6 ft (2 m) wide — points = 4 > ¼ distance is Scrub-shrub or Forested at least 33 ft (10 m) wide — points = 4 Plants are at least 6 ft (2 m) wide (any type except Aquatic bed) — points = 2 Plants are less than 6 ft (2 m) wide (any type except Aquatic bed) — points = 0	

Rating of Site Potential: If score is:___**6 = M** ___**0-5 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

L 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?		
L 5.1. Is the lake used by power boats with more than 10 hp?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
L 5.2. Is the fetch on the lake side of the unit at least 1 mile in distance?	Yes = 1 No = 0	
Total for L 5	Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is:___**2 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

L 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?	
L 6.1. Are there resources along the shore that can be impacted by erosion? If more than one resource is present, choose the one with the highest score. There are human structures or old growth/mature forests within 25 ft of OHWM of the shore in the unit — points = 2 There are nature trails or other paths and recreational activities within 25 ft of OHWM — points = 1 Other resources that could be impacted by erosion — points = 1 There are no resources that can be impacted by erosion along the shores of the unit — points = 0	

Rating of Value: If score is:___**2 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

Wetland name or number A

SLOPE WETLANDS **Water Quality Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality	
S 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?	
S 1.1. Characteristics of the average slope of the wetland: *(a 1% slope has a 1 ft vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft of horizontal distance)* Slope is 1% or less points = 3 Slope is > 1%-2% points = 2 Slope is > 2%-5% points = 1 Slope is greater than 5% points = 0	
S 1.2. The soil 2 in below the surface (or duff layer) is true clay or true organic *(use NRCS definitions)*: Yes = 3 No = 0	
S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the plants in the wetland. *Dense means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 in.* Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area points = 6 Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area points = 3 Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area points = 2 Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area points = 1 Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants points = 0	
Total for S 1 Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Site Potential If score is:___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** ___**0-5 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?	
S 2.1. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft on the uphill side of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants? Yes = 1 No = 0	
S 2.2. Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in question S 2.1? Other sources _____ Yes = 1 No = 0	
Total for S 2 Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is:___**1-2 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?	
S 3.1. Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list? Yes = 1 No = 0	
S 3.2. Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where water quality is an issue? *At least one aquatic resource in the basin is on the 303(d) list.* Yes = 1 No = 0	
S 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality? *Answer YES if there is a TMDL for the basin in which unit is found.* Yes = 2 No = 0	
Total for S 3 Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Value If score is:___**2-4 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

Wetland name or number 4

SLOPE WETLANDS **Hydrologic Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion	
S 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and stream erosion?	
S 4.1. Characteristics of plants that reduce the velocity of surface flows during storms: Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits conditions in the wetland. *Stems of plants should be thick enough (usually > $^1/_8$ in), or dense enough, to remain erect during surface flows.* Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland points = 1 All other conditions points = 0	

Rating of Site Potential If score is:___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?	
S 5.1. Is more than 25% of the area within 150 ft upslope of wetland in land uses or cover that generate excess surface runoff? Yes = 1 No = 0	

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is:___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

S 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?	
S 6.1. Distance to the nearest areas downstream that have flooding problems: The sub-basin immediately down-gradient of site has flooding problems that result in damage to human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds) points = 2 Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient points = 1 No flooding problems anywhere downstream points = 0	
S 6.2. Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan? Yes = 2 No = 0	
Total for S 6 Add the points in the boxes above	

Rating of Value If score is:___**2-4 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

Wetland name or number A

These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.

HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat

H 1.0. Does the site have the potential to provide habitat?

H 1.1. Structure of plant community: *Indicators are Cowardin classes and strata within the Forested class.* Check the Cowardin plant classes in the wetland. *Up to 10 patches may be combined for each class to meet the threshold of ¼ ac or more than 10% of the unit if it is smaller than 2.5 ac. Add the number of structures checked.*

____Aquatic bed — 4 structures or more: points = 4
____Emergent — 3 structures: points = 2
____Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) — 2 structures: points = 1
✓ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) — 1 structure: points = 0

If the unit has a Forested class, check if:

____The Forested class has 3 out of 5 strata (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground-cover) that each cover 20% within the Forested polygon

0

H 1.2. Hydroperiods

Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or ¼ ac to count (*see text for descriptions of hydroperiods*).

____Permanently flooded or inundated — 4 or more types present: points = 3
✓ Seasonally flooded or inundated — 3 types present: points = 2
____Occasionally flooded or inundated — 2 types present: points = 1
✓ Saturated only — 1 type present: points = 0
____Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland
____Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland
____**Lake Fringe wetland** — **2 points**
____**Freshwater tidal wetland** — **2 points**

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H 1.3. Richness of plant species

Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2.

Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species. ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

If you counted: > 19 species — points = 2
5 - 19 species — points = 1
< 5 species — points = 0

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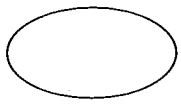
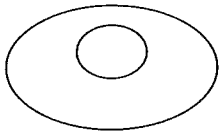
H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion among Cowardin plants classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none. *If you have four or more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always high.*



None = 0 points



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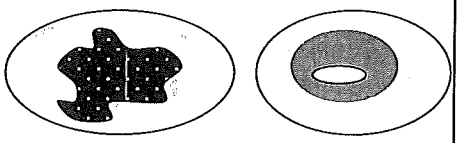
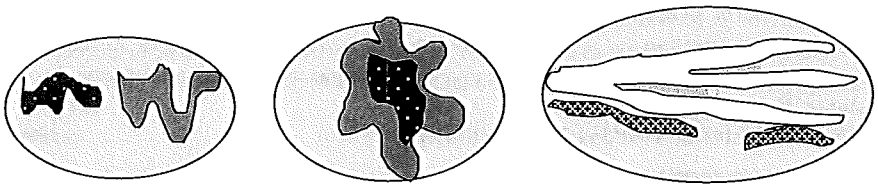


Moderate = 2 points

All three diagrams in this row are **HIGH** = 3points



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Wetland name or number A

H 1.5. Special habitat features: Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. *The number of checks is the number of points.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long). ✓ Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) **and/or** overhanging plants extends at least 3.3 ft (1 m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33 ft (10 m) ___ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed)* ___ At least ¼ ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ✓ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)	3
Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above	5

Rating of Site Potential If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** ✓ **0-6 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

H 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the habitat functions of the site?	
H 2.1. Accessible habitat (include *only habitat that directly abuts wetland unit*). *Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 9 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 15 = 24 % If total accessible habitat is: > 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon — points = 3 20-33% of 1 km Polygon — points = 2 10-19% of 1 km Polygon — points = 1 < 10% of 1 km Polygon — points = 0	2
H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland. *Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 13 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 18 = 31 % Undisturbed habitat > 50% of Polygon — points = 3 Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches — points = 2 Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and > 3 patches — points = 1 Undisturbed habitat < 10% of 1 km Polygon — points = 0	1
H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If > 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use — points = (-2) ≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity — points = 0	-2
Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above	1

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: ___ **4-6 = H** ✓ **1-3 = M** ___ **< 1 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

H 3.0. Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?	
H 3.1. Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies? *Choose only the highest score that applies to the wetland being rated.* Site meets ANY of the following criteria: — points = 2 ✓ It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page) — It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists) — It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species — It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources — It has been categorized as an important habitat site in a local or regional comprehensive plan, in a Shoreline Master Plan, or in a watershed plan Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) within 100 m — points = 1 Site does not meet any of the criteria above — points = 0	2

Rating of Value If score is: ✓ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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Wetland name or number 4

WDFW Priority Habitats

Priority habitats listed by WDFW (see complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Priority Habitat and Species List. Olympia, Washington. 177 pp. http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00165/wdfw00165.pdf or access the list from here: http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/)

Count how many of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft (100 m) of the wetland unit: ***NOTE:*** *This question is independent of the land use between the wetland unit and the priority habitat.*

— **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 1 ac (0.4 ha).

— **Biodiversity Areas and Corridors:** Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report*).

— **Herbaceous Balds:** Variable size patches of grass and forbs on shallow soils over bedrock.

✓ **Old-growth/Mature forests:** Old-growth west of Cascade crest – Stands of at least 2 tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/ac (20 trees/ha) > 32 in (81 cm) dbh or > 200 years of age. Mature forests – Stands with average diameters exceeding 21 in (53 cm) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth; 80-200 years old west of the Cascade crest.

— **Oregon White Oak:** Woodland stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158 – see web link above*).

✓ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.

— **Westside Prairies:** Herbaceous, non-forested plant communities that can either take the form of a dry prairie or a wet prairie (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 161 – see web link above*).

✓ **Instream:** The combination of physical, biological, and chemical processes and conditions that interact to provide functional life history requirements for instream fish and wildlife resources.

— **Nearshore:** Relatively undisturbed nearshore habitats. These include Coastal Nearshore, Open Coast Nearshore, and Puget Sound Nearshore. (*full descriptions of habitats and the definition of relatively undisturbed are in WDFW report – see web link on previous page).*

— **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages under the earth in soils, rock, ice, or other geological formations and is large enough to contain a human.

— **Cliffs:** Greater than 25 ft (7.6 m) high and occurring below 5000 ft elevation.

— **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.5 - 6.5 ft (0.15 - 2.0 m), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs.

— **Snags and Logs:** Trees are considered snags if they are dead or dying and exhibit sufficient decay characteristics to enable cavity excavation/use by wildlife. Priority snags have a diameter at breast height of > 20 in (51 cm) in western Washington and are > 6.5 ft (2 m) in height. Priority logs are > 12 in (30 cm) in diameter at the largest end, and > 20 ft (6 m) long.

Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list because they are addressed elsewhere.

Wetland name or number 4

CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Wetland Type *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	Category
SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? — The dominant water regime is tidal, — Vegetated, and — With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt Yes –Go to **SC 1.1** (No= **Not an estuarine wetland**	
SC 1.1. Is the wetland within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? Yes = **Category I** No - Go to **SC 1.2**	**Cat. I**
SC 1.2. Is the wetland unit at least 1 ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. (If non-native species are *Spartina*, see page 25) — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands. Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II**	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV) SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value? Yes – Go to **SC 2.2** No – Go to **SC 2.3** SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value? Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a WHCV** SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf Yes – **Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 2.4** No = **Not a WHCV** SC 2.4. Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and listed it on their website? Yes = **Category I** (No) = **Not a WHCV**	**Cat. I**
SC 3.0. Bogs Does the wetland (or any part of the unit) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? *Use the key below.* ***If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** SC 3.1. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soil horizons, either peats or mucks, that compose 16 in or more of the first 32 in of the soil profile? Yes – Go to **SC 3.3** No – Go to **SC 3.2** SC 3.2. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond? Yes – Go to **SC 3.3** No = **Is not a bog** SC 3.3. Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least a 30% cover of plant species listed in Table 4? Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No – Go to **SC 3.4** **NOTE:** If you are uncertain about the extent of mosses in the understory, you may substitute that criterion by measuring the pH of the water that seeps into a hole dug at least 16 in deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the plant species in Table 4 are present, the wetland is a bog. SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (> 30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann spruce, or western white pine, AND any of the species (or combination of species) listed in Table 4 provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy? Yes = **Is a Category I bog** (No) = **Is not a bog**	**Cat. I**

Wetland name or number A

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Wetland name or number A

SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands Does the wetland have at least 1 contiguous acre of forest that meets one of these criteria for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? ***If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** — **Old-growth forests** (west of Cascade crest): Stands of at least two tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/ac (20 trees/ha) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 in (81 cm) or more. — **Mature forests** (west of the Cascade Crest): Stands where the largest trees are 80- 200 years old OR the species that make up the canopy have an average diameter (dbh) exceeding 21 in (53 cm). Yes = **Category I** (No) = **Not a forested wetland for this section**	**Cat. I**
SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? — The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks — The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom)* Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** (No) = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of aggressive, opportunistic plant species (see list of species on p. 100). — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 ft^2) Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II**	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its habitat functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: — Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103 — Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105 — Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** (No) = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** SC 6.1. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger and scores an 8 or 9 for the habitat functions on the form (rates H,H,H or H,H,M for the three aspects of function)? Yes = **Category I** No – Go to **SC 6.2** SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger? Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** SC 6.3. Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 ac, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 ac? Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV**	**Cat I** **Cat. II** **Cat. III** **Cat. IV**
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form	N/A

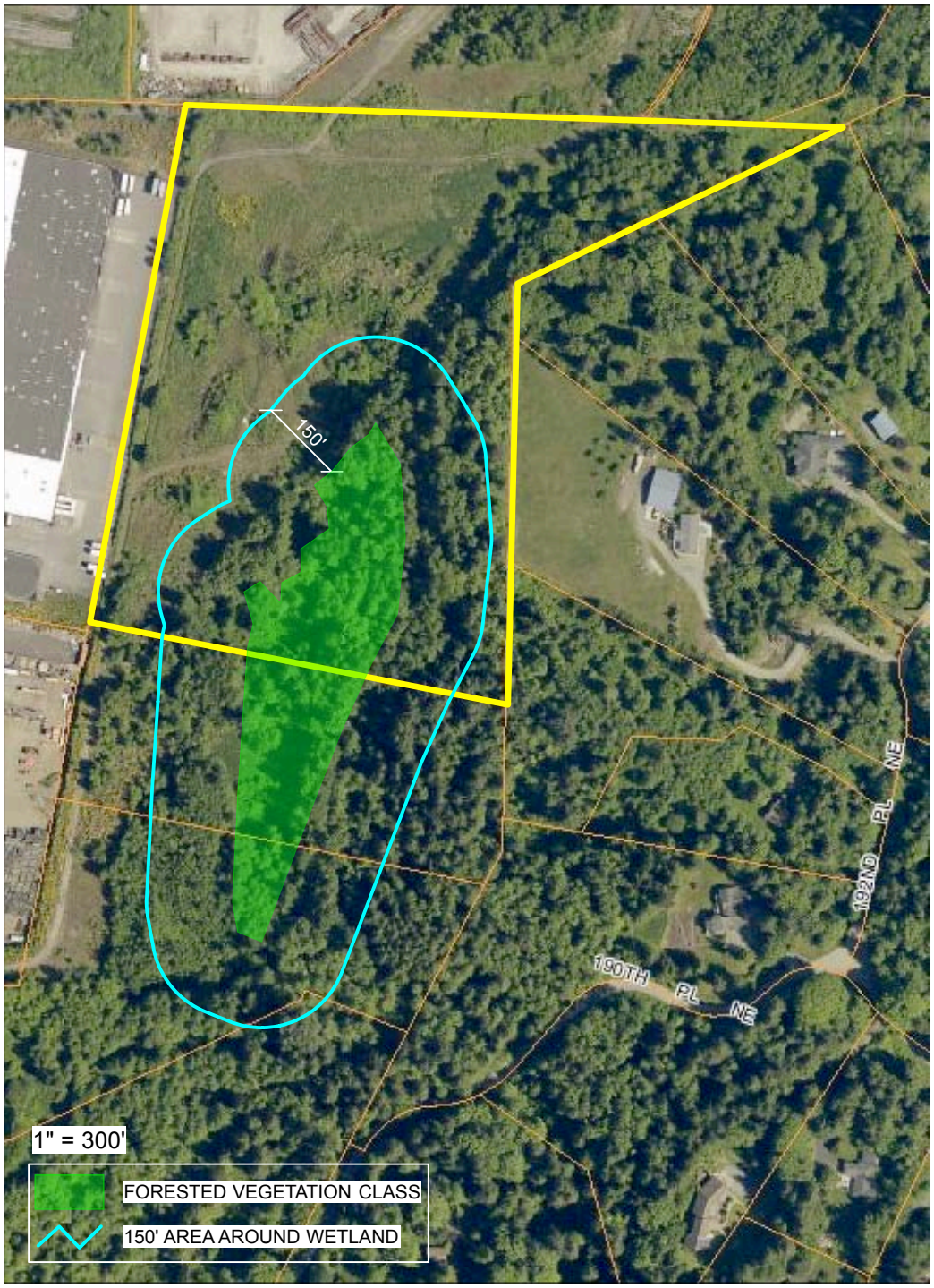

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FIGURE 1	**COWARDIN VEGETATION CLASS & AREA WITHIN 150 FEET** **ARLINGTON VALLEY ROAD** (PORTION OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 31N, RANGE 5E, W.M.)	PREPARED FOR: City of Arlington Attn: Eric Scott 154 W Cox Arlington, WA 98223	Wetland Resources 9505 19th Ave SE, Suite 106 Everett, WA 98208 Tel: (425) 337-3174 Fax: (425) 337-3045	JOB # 15042 SCALE 1" = 300' Drawn By: A. Bachman DATE: April 30, 2015

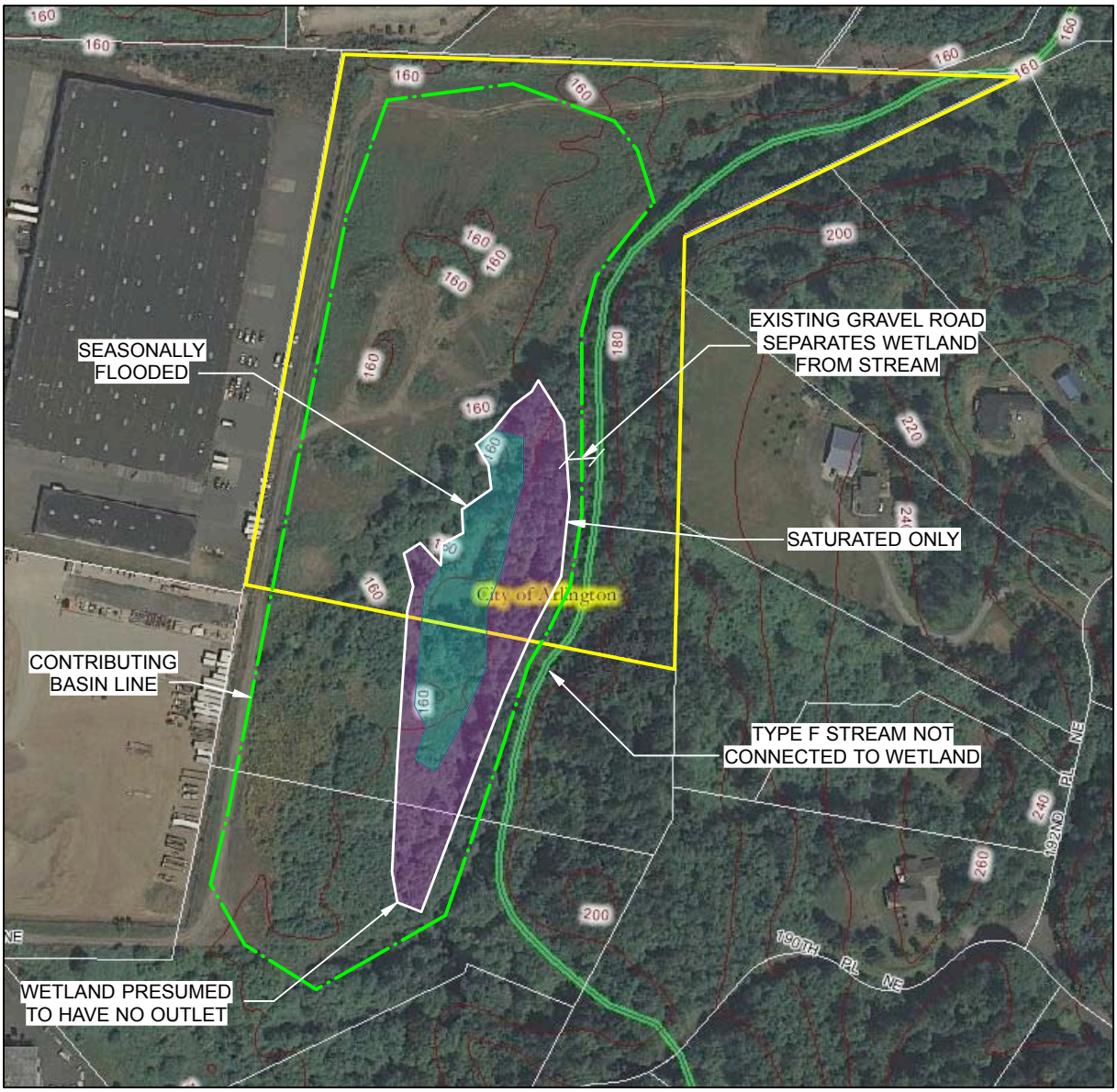

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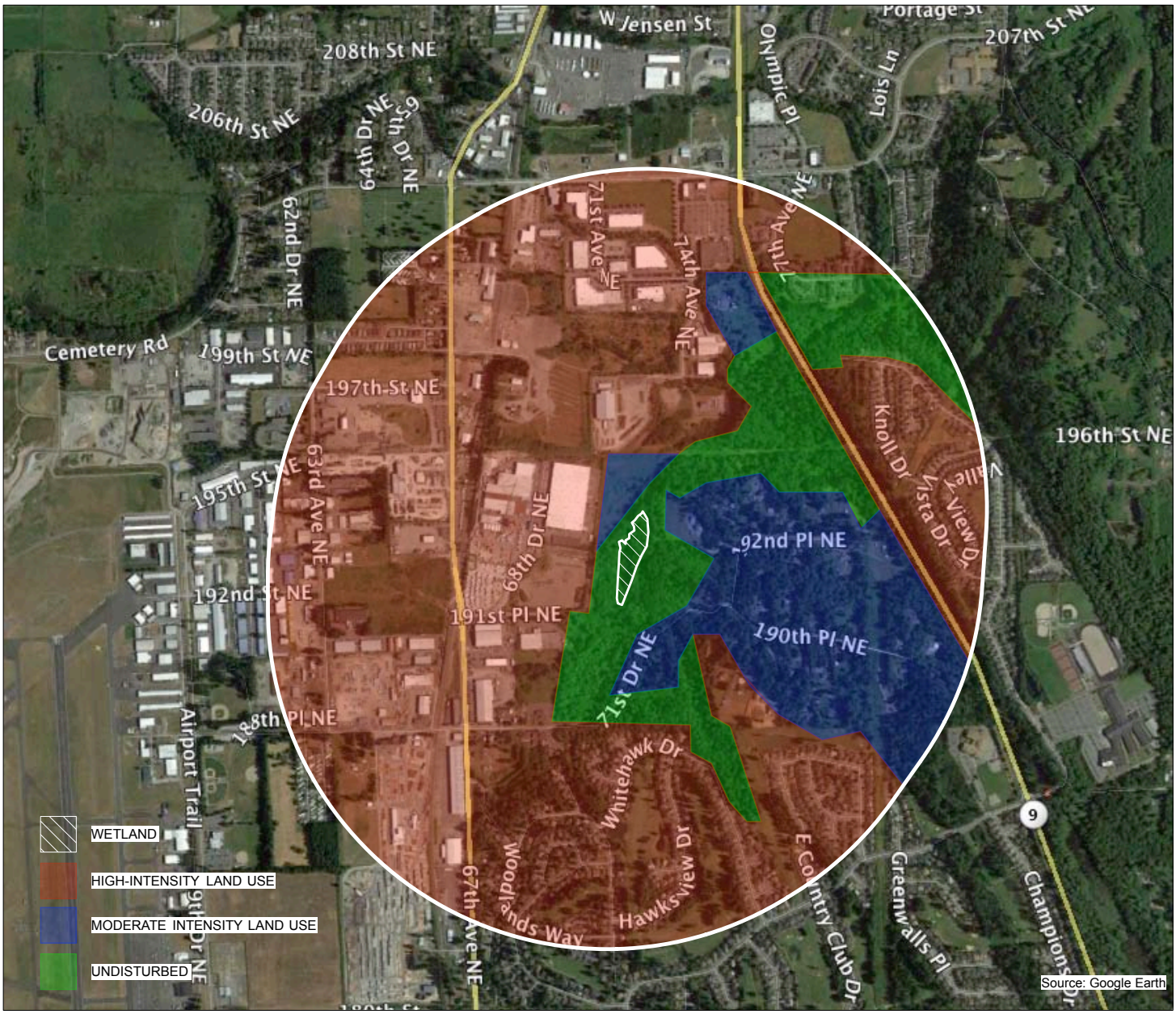
FIGURE 2	**HYDROPERIODS & CONTRIBUTING BASIN** **ARLINGTON VALLEY ROAD** (PORTION OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 31N, RANGE 5E, W.M.)	PREPARED FOR: City of Arlington Attn: Eric Scott 154 W Cox Arlington, WA 98223	Wetland Resources 9505 19th Ave SE, Suite 106 Everett, WA 98208 Tel: (425) 337-3174 Fax: (425) 337-3045	JOB # 15042 SCALE 1" = 300' Drawn By: A. Bachman DATE: April 30, 2015



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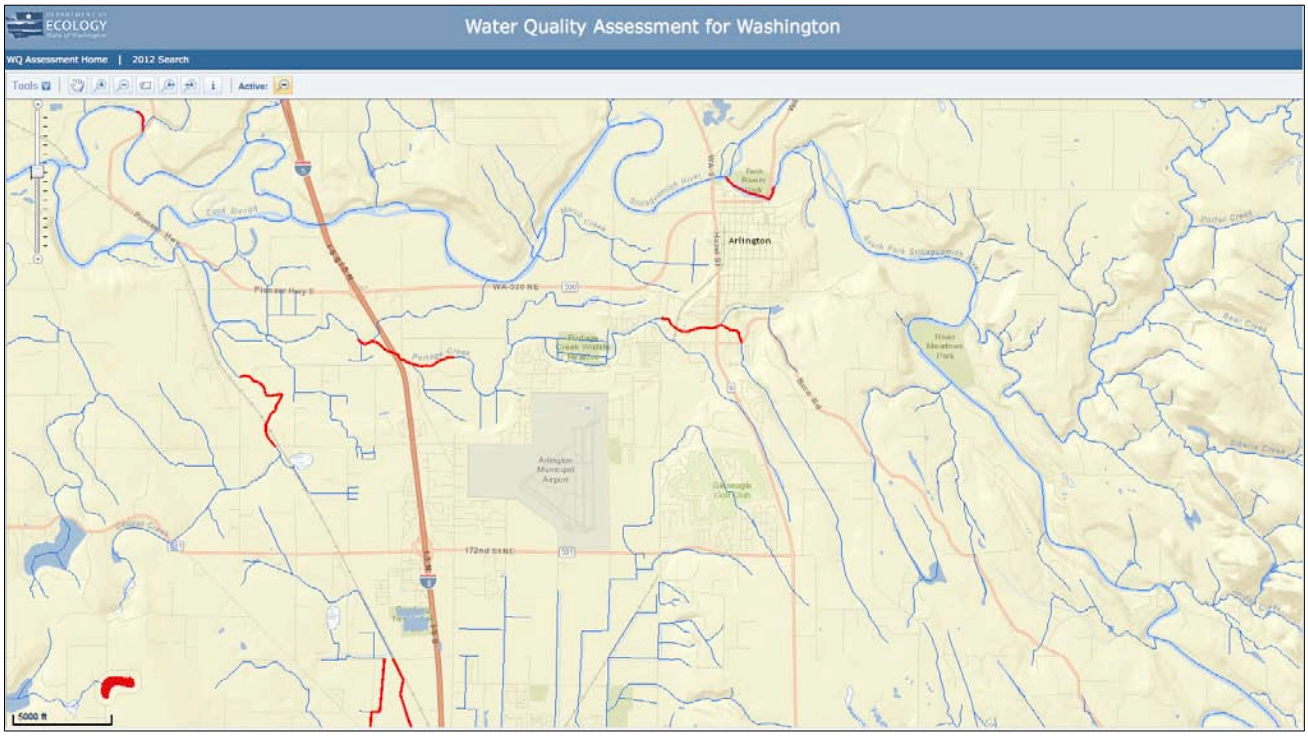

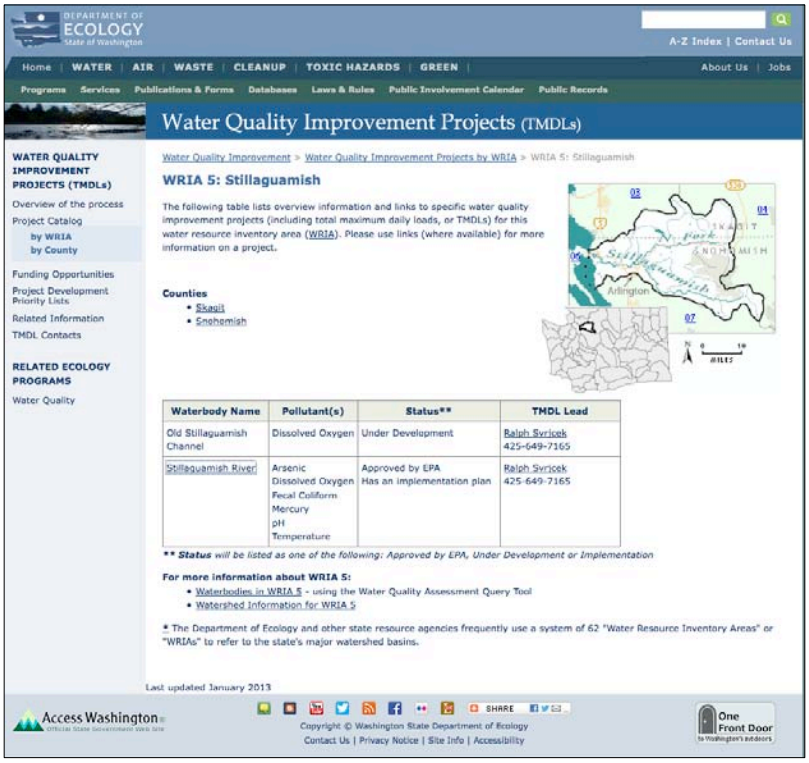

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- WETLAND AREA
- S1 S2 FIELD DATA SITES 1-2
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