



# CRITICAL AREAS ASSESSMENT

(WETLAND DELINEATION & FISH AND WILDLIFE HCA ASSESSMENT)

GRIP ROAD GRAVEL MINE
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Northwest Ecological Services, LLC (NES) was retained to prepare a critical areas assessment for a project proposal in unincorporated Skagit County, Washington. The assessment performed by NES included identification of wetlands, streams, protected fish and wildlife habitats, shorelines, and frequently flooded areas as observed within the review area. It did not include identification of the following critical areas: geologically hazardous areas or critical aquifer recharge areas.

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The review area is part of a larger approximately 735-acre tract of land that is under single ownership and managed as natural resource land- forestry. Miles Sand and Gravel has proposed conversion of a portion of this forestry land to a gravel mine. As part of the permit review process, Skagit County has requested critical area review along an existing gravel forestry road that is proposed to be used to transport gravel from the mine site. Per Skagit County requirements, the NES review area has included areas within 300-ft of the approximately 2.2-mile-long haul road. NES did not review the proposed mine site.

The review area is located north of Grip Road, east of the intersection of Grip and Prairie Road (Section 03, Township 35, Range 04; Section 34, Township 36, Range 04; Section 27, Township 36, Range 04W.M.). The review area encompasses approximately 143-acres within portions of parcels: P35704, P125622, P125623, P125624, P125625, P125626, P125627, P125628, P125629, P125630, P125631, P125632, P125633, P125646, P125647, and P125648. NES staff visited the site over multiple days in November and early December of 2021.

The review area is currently forested and undeveloped except for existing gravel access roads, a few parking pullouts, and a bridge crossing Swede Creek. The majority of the area along the road has not been recently harvested, except for two areas that were cut in 2018.

The review area is predominantly mixed or evergreen dominated forest. Portions of the forested canopy are open, while others contain dense native shrubs and herbaceous species. Decommissioned old logging roads are interspersed throughout the site. Topography on-site is variable, and slopes of varying degree separate the review area into distinct terraces.

A total of 36 wetlands were identified in the review area. Wetlands A, B, P, R, U, V, W, Z, AA, CC, GG, HH, MM, and NN are depressional wetlands. Wetlands C, F, G, H, J, T, X, Y, BB, DD, EE, KK, and LL are slope wetlands. Wetlands K, L, M, and N are riverine wetlands associated with Swede Creek, while Wetlands D and E are riverine wetlands associated with smaller tributaries. The wetlands were rated using the 2014 WDOE Wetland Rating System. The site wetlands range from Category IV to Category II wetlands with moderate or high wildlife habitat points.

Swede Creek, 21 smaller streams, and three seeps were identified in the review area. Swede Creek is a permanently flowing, fish bearing stream. Streams 1-18 and 20-22 are small seasonal, non-fish bearing streams. Three seeps were observed on the hillslope south of Swede Creek.

Swede Creek is mapped by WDFW as fish bearing, with the presence of multiple species of salmonids and trout, a number of which are state of federally listed species. The smaller tributary streams are not mapped by WDFW and do not appear to be fish bearing.

Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*) critical habitat is mapped approximately 700 feet northeast of the site in the Samish River and associated wetlands. Oregon spotted frog is a highly aquatic species and are always found in areas with a perennial water source. The only wetland within the review area that meets the habitat needs for this species and contains potential habitat for Oregon spotted frog is Wetland JJ. This wetland also has a downstream connection via seasonal stream to mapped critical habitat associated with the Samish River. No Oregon spotted frogs were observed in Wetland JJ during the site visits. However, our observations were limited to one day in this area, and to limited to observations along one edge of the wetland.

Pileated woodpecker *(Dryocopus pileatus*) excavations were observed but only in one location mid-site. Pileated woodpecker are a Priority species in Washington State. No other listed species or habitats are mapped in the review area or vicinity by WDFW or were observed.

Wildlife usage of the subject parcel is expected to be moderate to high due to the rural nature of the site and surrounding area, connectivity to a large undisturbed corridor, and condition of the property. The site contains suitable breeding and foraging habitat for wildlife species that occupy forested areas mixed with wetland habitat including deer, songbirds, and a variety of mammals. Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) activity was observed in Wetland JJ and amphibian breeding habitat was observed in a number of site wetlands.

All site wetlands and streams are expected to be regulated by one or more of the following agencies: Skagit County, WDOE, Corps, and/or WDFW.

The Skagit County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) requires buffers on regulated features. Skagit County regulates all wetlands, with the exception of Category III and IV wetlands smaller than 1,000 sq. ft. that do not provide suitably significant or unique characteristics as defined by the CAO (SCC 14.24.230(6)(a)). Wetlands C, F, Y, Z, AA, and FF appear to meet this description and are not anticipated to be regulated by Skagit County.

Buffer width is based on land use, wetland category, and wildlife habitat points. Using a moderate intensity land use the following (standard or optional) buffers are anticipated to apply:

- Wetlands A, B, X, DD, and GG are expected to require 40-foot buffers
- Wetlands D, E, G, H, J, K, L, M, P, R, T, V, W, BB, CC, EE, HH, KK, LL are expected to require 110-foot buffers
- Wetlands N, U, JJ, MM, NN and PP are expected to require 225-foot buffers

Swede Creek and the smaller tributaries are anticipated to be regulated by Skagit County as fish and wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs). As a fish bearing stream with a width of more than five feet, Swede Creek is anticipated to require a 150-foot buffer. All other streams are seasonal, non-fish bearing streams and are anticipated to require 50-foot buffers.

## NES QUALIFICATIONS

NES is a specialized service-oriented environmental consulting firm based in Bellingham, Washington. We provide a range of biological services to both the public and private sectors. Our services include wetland assessments, biological assessments, wetland restoration and mitigation plans, natural resource analysis, environmental regulatory compliance, landscape and ecological design, and environmental impact assessment of plants, animals, fish and sensitive habitats. NES professionals have performed wetland and biological assessment over 33,000 acres [1991-2021] in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, Snohomish and King Counties.

NES staff qualifications summary:

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## DISCLAIMER

Wetland, stream, and lake delineations and determinations are based upon protocols defined in manuals and publications produced by federal, state and local agencies. The wetland methodology used in this report is consistent with methods described in the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast* Region (Corps, 2010) and the *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory, 1987), as required by WAC 173-22-035. The findings were based on observations of conditions at the time of the site visit(s).

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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Scope of Work

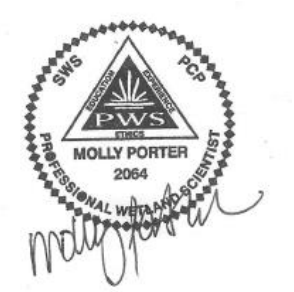
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## 1.2 Background and Review Area

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# 2.0 ASSESSMENT METHODS

The critical areas assessment included an office review of existing documentation and site visits on November 2nd, 8th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and December 2nd of 2021. NES conducted the site investigation and assessments in accordance with methodology specific to each resource area (wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats, and shorelines), as described below.

## 2.1 Document Review

NES reviewed available maps, drawings, and applicable reports pertaining to the project area. Specifically, NES reviewed existing documents related to soils, hydrology, vegetation, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats, and shorelines.

## 2.2 Field Methods

### 2.2.1 Wetlands

The wetland delineation was conducted in accordance with the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region* (Corps, 2010) and the *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory, 1987). This methodology is consistent with the WDOE's requirements established in 2011 (WAC 173-22-035) and the Skagit County CAO. To make a positive wetland determination, this methodology requires evidence that at least one positive wetland indicator be found for each of three parameters (vegetation, soils, and hydrology). An area is not considered a regulatory wetland if the area lacks indicators for any one of these three parameters under normal environmental conditions. Upland/wetland boundaries are delineated by locating the transition where soils, vegetation, or hydrology no longer indicate that wetland parameters are met. Methods for each of these parameters are as follows:

- **Vegetation:** The plant community at each sample site is considered to be hydrophytic (wetland) vegetation if the vegetation exhibits indicators of hydrophytic vegetation as defined in the delineation methodology (Corps, 2010). Most often the "Dominance Test"

is used as the indicator. The sample plot meets the dominance test for hydrophytic vegetation if more than 50 percent of the dominant species from all strata have obligate wetland, facultative wetland, and/or facultative indicator status. Indicator status is taken from the Regional National Wetland Plant List (Lichvar, Banks, Kirchner, and Melvin, 2016). Dominant species are the most abundant species that individually or collectively account for more than 50 percent of the total coverage of vegetation in the stratum (absolute percent cover), plus any other species that, by itself, accounts for at least 20 percent of the total. The wetland indicator status for each dominant species is then used to determine whether the plant community is dominated by hydrophytic vegetation. Occasionally, the "Prevalence Index" is used as the indicator of hydrophytic vegetation. The Prevalence Index is a weighted average of all plant species in the sample plot.

- **Soils:** Soil test pits are hand dug to approximately 20 inches and soils are examined for hydric soil indicators. Formal soil test pits are labeled with a sample plot number and located on the delineation map. Soil color, including concentrations, depletions, or gleying, if present, are colored using a Munsell color chart (Gretag-Macbeth, 2000). *Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States* (USDA, NRCS, 2018) is used to determine hydric soil presence or absence.
- **Hydrology:** Wetland hydrology is assessed by an inspection at representative sample plots. Depth to shallow groundwater and/or saturation in each sample plot is recorded, as are observations of other indicators of hydrology including but not limited to water marks, drift lines, sediment deposits, and drainage patterns. These data provide information on timing and duration of ponding and/or saturation in the study area.
- **Growing Season:** Vegetation and hydrology indicators are dependent upon conditions during the "growing season." The growing season, as defined by the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region*, is when non-evergreen plants show biological activity (plant growth) and/or the soil temperature at 12 inches below the surface is a minimum of 41 degrees Fahrenheit (F) (Corps, 2010).

### 2.2.2 Streams and Lakes

If streams or lakes were identified on the property, NES flagged the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) consistent with state law as defined in RCW 90.58.030. NES used field indicators to determine the OHWM based on the methodology contained in *Determining the Ordinary High Water Mark for Shoreline Management Act Compliance in Washington State* (Anderson, Meyer, Olson, and Stockdale, 2016), Ecology Publication #16-06-029.

During the site visits, the investigating ecologists also completed a stream characterization of basic stream attributes including depth, vegetation, substrate, and habitat features. If lakes were present, NES documented basic lake attributes including size, surrounding vegetation, and hydrologic connectivity.

### 2.2.3 Fish and Wildlife

NES documented observations of any state Priority species or federal Threatened, Endangered, or Proposed species protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) during the site visits. NES also reviewed the site for general wildlife habitat conditions and habitat connectivity. If streams were present, NES documented any obvious fish passage barriers, characterized general stream attributes (as described above), and documented any observations of fish during the site visit.

### 2.2.4 Shorelines

NES reviewed the local SMP text and maps to determine the potential presence of a regulated shoreline within the review area. During the site visit, NES field verified the presence of any shoreline and determined the extent of SMP jurisdiction based on SMP mapping, OHWM, floodways, wetlands, and floodplains. If shorelines were present, NES determined the OHWM consistent with state law as defined in RCW 90.58.030 and described under Streams and Lakes, below.

### 2.2.5 Frequently Flooded Areas

NES reviewed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapping to determine if frequently flooded areas are documented on site.

## 2.3 Mapping

NES ecologists marked the boundaries of identified critical areas within the applicant owned parcels with pink field flagging. Per Skagit County requirement, as stated in the June 17, 2021 letter from Planning and Development Services, flagged has included wetlands within 300-feet of the approximately 2.2 mile long haul road, and streams within 200-feet.

The locations of the flags were mapped using a GPS/GNSS unit with reported sub-meter accuracy and 95 percent precision in most areas. The GPS waypoints were input to geographic information systems (GIS) mapping software to produce Figures 3 to 9 (Appendix B). The wetland boundaries shown in the attached figures are approximate and NES mapping should be replaced with a survey if/when available.

# 3.0 FINDINGS

Molly Porter (Professional Wetland Scientist [PWS] #2064), Collin Van Slyke (PWS #3129), Alexandre Pederson, and/or Candice Trusty (WPIT), NES ecologists, conducted site visits on November 2nd, 8th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and December 2nd of 2021. The following description is based on observations from site visits and information gathered during document review. Photographs taken at the time of the site visits are included in Appendix D.

## 3.1 Landscape Setting and Parcel Overview

### 3.1.1 Document Review

The following provides a summary of the findings contained within documents reviewed:

- **Aerial Photograph: Google Earth (Google, 2021) (Figure 2)**
  The gravel haul road is located north of Grip Road and runs north for approximately 2.2 miles to the proposed location for mining operations. The property is currently forested and the review area is undeveloped with the exception of the existing gravel access roads, a few parking pullouts, and bridge crossing Swede Creek. Several smaller, less frequently used gravel roads extend from the main road.

  The properties are managed in forestry and have been used in this capacity for some time. The majority of the area along the road has not been harvested for some time (since the late 1990's according to aerial photograph review), however, two small areas were cut in 2018. An approximate four-acre section of forest was logged north of the Swede Creek and west of the bridge. Another approximately 38-acre section of forest was logged near the center of the site, east of the haul road. These can be seen in aerial photographs (Figure 3, 6, and 8, Appendix B).

  The site is within a fairly rural area within Skagit County. Many properties within this area remain forested. A mostly forested corridor exists to the north including Anderson Mountain all the way to Lake Whatcom, only broken by development along Prairie Road and South Bay Drive; and south to Butler Hill only broken the development along Grip Road. Overall, development in the vicinity of the site is generally rural and includes single family homes on forested acreage or with smaller pasture areas. Much of the land to the north is also forestry and is managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

- **USDA, NRCS *Soil Survey of Skagit County Area, Washington* (USDA, NRCS, 2021) (Figure 10)**
  The NRCS soil survey maps indicate five soil units within the review area: Hoogdal silt loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes (#68), Hoogdal silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes (#67), Skipopa silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (#124), Skipopa silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes (#125), and Sehome loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes (#120).

  The portions of the review area that are predominantly listed as Hoogdal silt loam are located in Areas 2 and 3, and west of the road in Area 1. The portions of the review area that are predominantly listed as Skipopa silt loam are located east of the road in Area 1 and in the southern portion of Area 4. The portions of the review area that are predominantly listed as Sehome loam are the northern portion of Area 4 and then entirety of Area 5.

  Hoogdal silt loam is a moderately well-drained, non-hydric soil. It is in hydrologic soil group C/D and the depth to the water table typically ranges from 18 to 24 inches. This series is typically found on upland slopes in Puget lowland forests. The parent material for this soil is composed of loess and glaciolacustrine deposits.

Skipopa silt loam is a somewhat poorly drained, hydric soil. It is in hydrologic soil group D and the depth to the water table typically ranges from 12 to 24 inches. This series is typically found on terraces in Puget lowland wet forests. The parent material for this soil is composed of volcanic ash and loess over glaciolacustrine deposits.

Sehome loam is a moderately well-drained, non-hydric soil. It is in hydrologic soil group C and the depth to the water table typically ranges from 12 to 36 inches. This series is typically found on hillslopes in Puget lowland moist forests. The parent material for this soil is composed of volcanic ash and loess over glacial drift.

### 3.1.2 Field Observations

At the time of the site visits, conditions were generally consistent with the reviewed documents. The review area is entirely undeveloped with the exception of gravel roads, a few gravel pullouts/ parking areas, and a bridge over Swede Creek. The majority of the review area is forested, with the exception of the area that overlaps with the approximately 42-acres that were logged in 2018.

Topography onsite is variable. In the portion of the review area south of Swede Creek (Area 1), topography slopes west. In the areas directly surrounding Swede Creek (Area 2), topography slopes steeply into a ravine. North of Swede Creek, in the area encompassing the 180-degree turn in the road (Area 3), the topography slopes south or southeast towards Swede Creek, or the western section slopes west down a steep slope towards the Samish River basin. Near the center of the review area (Area 4), site topography in the area west of the road slopes northeast from the south, and east of the road it slopes southwest from the east. In the northern portion of the review area (Area 5), site topography slopes north or northeast towards the Samish River basin. Topography (LiDAR) can be seen in Figure 4 (Appendix B).

The site contains a number of wetlands and streams, as discussed below.

## 3.2 Wetlands

A total of 36 wetlands (Wetlands A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, R, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH, JJ, KK, LL, and MM/NN/PP) were identified in the review area (Figures 3 to 9, Appendix B). Seven of these (Wetlands D, P, U, X, HH, JJ, and MM) appear to extend off site. Off-site review was limited to observations from the subject parcel boundaries/ review area boundary or aerial photograph/ LiDAR interpretation.

### 3.2.1 Document Review

The following provides a summary of the findings contained within documents reviewed:

- **United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Wetlands Mapper (USFWS, 2021a)**
  No wetlands are mapped within the site or vicinity by the NWI.
- **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Priority Habitat Species (PHS) Map (WDFW, 2021a) (Figure 9)**
  WDFW PHS mapping is consistent with USFWS mapping, no wetlands are indicated.

- **The Watershed Company- Critical Area Reconnaissance Sketch (June 2021).**
  The Watershed Company provided a reconnaissance of the project vicinity on June 4 of 2021. Mapping from this effort indicates 18 wetlands potentially onsite.
- **Graham- Bunting Associates, Fish and Wildlife Site Assessment: Parcels 50155, 125644, 125645.**
  Graham- Bunting Associates (GBA) prepared a wetland delineation and fish and wildlife assessment of the mine site only in 2015 with an addendum in 2017. This assessment did not include review of the haul road. One wetland, a Category II riverine wetland was identified in the eastern edge of the mine site, associated with Samish River.

### 3.2.2 Field Observations

NES identified 36 wetlands within the review area. The location and extent of site wetlands are depicted in Figures 3 to 9 (Appendix B). An overview of site wetlands overlaid on aerial imagery and LiDAR are depicted in Figures 3 and 4, respectively. Due to the scale of the review area, site wetlands and streams are presented in five areas (A1, A2, A3, A4, A5) in Figures 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

NES documented wetland conditions in Sample Plot (SP) 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, and 51. The sample plot locations are also shown in Figures 5 to 9 (Appendix B). Data sheets from the delineation are included in Appendix D of this report. The identified wetlands are summarized in Table 1 and described below.

**Table 1. Wetland Classification Summary**

| Wetland | Hydrogeomorphic Class | Cowardin Classification | Size |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | Depressional | PSS | 2261 sq. ft. |
| AA | Depressional | PSS | 78 sq. ft. |
| B | Depressional | PSS | 1049 sq. ft. |
| BB | Slope | PFO/PSS/PEM | 2.5 acres |
| C | Slope | PSS | 213 sq. ft. |
| CC | Depressional | PSS | 5696 sq. ft. |
| D | Riverine | RFO | 1501 sq. ft. * |
| DD | Slope | PSS | 4202 sq. ft. |
| E | Riverine | RFO | 2357 sq. ft. |
| EE | Slope | PFO/PSS | 0.5 acres |
| F | Slope | PSS | 681 sq. ft. |
| FF | Depressional | PSS | 497 sq. ft. |
| G | Slope | PSS | 173 sq. ft. |
| GG | Depressional | PSS | 1154 sq. ft. |
| H | Slope | PFO | 7987 sq. ft. |
| HH | Depressional | PFO | 0.5 acres * |
| J | Slope | PFO/PSS | 0.3 acres |
| JJ | Depressional | PSS/PEM | 3.7 acres * |
| K | Riverine | RSS | 391 sq. ft. |
| KK | Slope | PSS | 3142 sq. ft. |
| L | Riverine | RSS | 207 sq. ft |
| LL | Slope | PFO | 0.2 acres |
| M | Riverine | RSS | 1054 sq. ft. |
| MM | Depressional | PFO/PEM | 6.0 acres * |
| N | Riverine | RFO | 0.5 acres |
| NN | Depressional | PFO | 213 sq. ft. |
| P | Depressional | PFO | 1.6 acres * |
| PP | Depressional | PFO | 77 sq. ft. |
| R | Depressional | PFO | 0.3 acres |
| T | Slope | PFO/PSS | 0.8 acres |
| U | Depressional | PFO/PSS | 7.9 acres * |
| V | Depressional | PSS | 1387 sq. ft. |
| W | Depressional | PSS | 4667 sq. ft. |
| X | Slope | PSS | 0.3 acres * |
| Y | Slope | PSS | 840 sq. ft. |
| Z | Depressional | PSS | 402 sq. ft. |

(PSS: Palustrine Scrub Shrub, PFO: Palustrine Forested, PEM: Palustrine Emergent,
RFO: Riverine Forested, RSS: Riverine Scrub-shrub)
* total area is estimated due to the wetland extending off-site

### 3.2.3 Area 1- Figure 5 (Appendix B)

Area 1 is located in the southern portion of the site, from Grip Road to the riparian area along Swede Creek. This area contains **Wetlands A, B, C, D, E, F, MM, NN, and PP**, and six streams. In general, this area is relatively flat and slopes gently to the west, where topography becomes steeper west of the road.

**Wetlands A and B – PSS, Depressional**

Wetlands A and B are small, palustrine scrub-shrub (PSS), depressional wetlands located in the southeastern portion of the site. Vegetation observed in Wetlands A and B included: red alder (*Alnus rubra*), Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), vine maple (*Acer circinatum*), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), and piggy-back-plant (*Tolmiea menziesii*). Additional vegetation observed in Wetland A, included black twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*), mannagrass (*Glyceria sp.*), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), and creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*).

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands A and B in SP 1 and 51.

- SP 1 was located in Wetland A. The topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at eight inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) silty clay loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. Soil in this plot was saturated at a depth of two inches and the water table was present at a depth of four inches during the site visit.
- SP 51 was located in Wetland B. Topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam with high organic matter content (>50%). Between three and eight inches, the soil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at eight inches, was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) clay loam with gray (2.5Y 5/1) depletions and dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) concentrations. The water table was present at the surface in this plot, with some surface ponding between zero and two inches.

The soils in SPs 1 and 51 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix).

Wetland A is located in a closed depression. Wetland A appears to be between 25 and 50 percent seasonally ponded, with only a few inches of water. Wetland A does not have a distinct outlet but the depression is also shallow and appears likely to overflow into the surrounding upland during storm events. However, typically it likely contains water until infiltration or evaporation occurs. Wetland B is located in a depression with an intermittently flowing outlet that leads to the ditch along the road. Wetland B appears to be less than 25 percent seasonally ponded. Primary hydrology indicators (saturated soils, high water table, and/or standing water) were observed in both wetlands during the site visit. Sources of hydrology to these wetlands likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater.

**Wetlands D and E – PFO, Riverine**

Wetlands D and E are forested, riverine wetlands located in the southwestern portion of the review area, west of the road. Vegetation observed within Wetlands D and E includes black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*), red alder, vine maple, salmonberry, skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*), and piggy-back-plant. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland D also includes black twinberry and swamp gooseberry (*Ribes lacustre*).

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands D and E at SP 5 and 7.

- SP 5 was located in Wetland D. The topsoil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at 11 inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) loamy clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) concentrations. The soil in SP 5 met NRCS hydric soil indicator A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface). Soil in this plot was saturated between 0 and 11 inches and the water table was present at 11 inches.
- SP 7 was located in Wetland E. The topsoil was a dark gray (10YR 4/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at 12 inches, was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silty clay loam with gray (2.5Y 5/1) depletions and dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 7 did not meet any NRCS hydric soil indicators. Soils were saturated to the surface and the water table was present at the surface. Wetland determination was made based on wetland hydrology and best professional judgment.

Wetlands D and E both have small seasonal streams that flow through them (Streams 3 and 6). They are located in a slight depression or on a lower grade slope that slows water and forms a small wetland. Wetlands D and E receive water primarily from Stream 3 and Stream 6, respectively, but also appear to receive water from precipitation and surface runoff.

**Wetlands C and F – PSS, Slope**

Wetlands C and F are PSS, slope wetlands located within in the southern portion of the review area, west of the road. Vegetation observed Wetlands C and F includes red alder, vine maple, salmonberry, lady fern, giant horsetail (*Equisetum telmateia*), and piggy-back plant. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland F includes a few western red cedar, black twinberry, and mannagrass.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands C and F at SP 3 and 9.

- SP 3 was located in Wetland C. The topsoil was a dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) loamy clay. The subsoil, starting at seven inches, was a dark gray (5Y 4/1) clay with dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 5 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). Soil in this plot was saturated at a depth of seven inches at the time of the site visit.
- SP 9 was located in Wetland F. The soil in SP 9 was the same as in SP 7 (Wetland E) and did not meet any NRCS hydric soil indicators. Soils were saturated to the surface and the water table was present at the surface. Wetland determination was made based on hydrology and best professional judgment.

Wetland C appears to contain areas of seasonal saturation and inundation, and an intermittently flowing outlet that drains toward Stream 3. Wetland F appears to contains areas of seasonal saturation and inundation, and has an intermittently flowing outlet that drains north toward Swede Creek. Neither wetland has a direct connection downstream. Sources of hydrology to these wetlands likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater or seeps.

**Wetlands MM, NN, and PP – PFO/PEM, Depressional**

Wetland MM is a large palustrine forested (PFO) and emergent (PEM), depressional wetland located in the southern portion of the review area, east of the road. This wetland appears to extend east, off-site. Wetland MM is a mosaic with many upland hummocks and ridges that separate areas of seasonal saturation and inundation. Upland areas are present inside the area mapped as Wetland MM that were not delineated. Wetlands NN and PP are small, mostly unvegetated depressional wetlands separated from Wetland MM by upland ridges. Due to the mosaic nature of Wetland MM and its proximity to Wetlands NN and PP, all three were combined for rating purposes and are discussed together below.

The western portion and majority of Wetland MM is predominantly forested, while the southeastern off-site portion of Wetland MM appears to be dominated by emergent vegetation. Vegetation observed within the on-site portion includes red alder, black cottonwood, paper birch, western red cedar, vine maple, salmonberry, swamp gooseberry, black twinberry, hardhack (*Spiraea douglasii*), Himalayan blackberry, lady fern, skunk cabbage, piggy-back-plant, American brooklime (*Veronica americana*), and slough sedge (*Carex obnupta*).

Wetland soils were documented in the northern portion of Wetland MM at SP 49.

- At SP 49, the topsoil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silty loam. Between four and ten inches the soil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) silt loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. The subsoil, starting at 10 inches, was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) clay loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) concentrations and grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) depletions. The soil in SP 49 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at 10 inches. Soil in this plot was saturated and the water table was present at the surface to the restrictive layer at 10 inches.

Wetland MM/NN/PP contains areas of seasonal saturation and seasonal ponding. Wetland MM appears to be less than 25 percent seasonally ponded, with less than six inches of water. The wetland drains southwest and outlets to Streams 5, 6, and 7. Sources of hydrology for Wetland MM/NN/PP likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater.

### 3.2.4 Area 2- Figure 6 (Appendix B)

Area 2 is the riparian area along Swede Creek. This area contains **Wetlands G, H, J, K, L, M, N, KK, and LL**, Swede Creek, six streams, and three seeps. In general, this area is located in a moderate to steep ravine and most wetlands are slope wetlands that flow directly to Swede Creek or riverine wetlands associated with the stream.

**Wetlands G and KK – PSS, Slope**

Wetlands G and KK are PSS, slope wetlands located south of Swede Creek. Vegetation observed includes vine maple, salmonberry, lady fern, and piggy-back plant. Additional vegetation observed within KK includes a few red alder, swamp gooseberry, and giant horsetail.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands G and KK at SP 11 and 46.

- SP 11 was located in Wetland G. The topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of eight inches, was a gray (2.5Y 5/1) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) concentrations. The soil in SP 11 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). Soil at SP 13 was saturated at a depth of four inches.
- SP 46 was located in Wetland KK. The topsoil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of six inches, was a greenish gray (Gley1 10Y 5/1)) clay with brown (7.5YR 4/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 48 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface), F3 (Depleted Matrix), and F2 (Loamy Gleyed Matrix). A clay restrictive layer was present at six inches. The soil in SP 46 was saturated and the water table was present to the surface.

Wetlands G and KK are both located on slopes that drains north directly to Swede Creek. Wetland KK is located adjacent to the road and flows into the roadside ditch before flowing to the creek. Wetland G flows directly to the creek. Soils within both wetlands were saturated at the time of the site visit. Sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater or seeps (two seeps were observed on the upslope/south edge of Wetland KK).

**Wetlands H and J – PFO/ PSS, Slope**

Wetlands H and J are both similar slope wetlands located on the south bank of Swede Creek, that flow north to the creek. Both are PFO wetlands but Wetland J also contains a PSS component. Vegetation observed includes black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*), red alder, western red cedar, vine maple, salmonberry, black twinberry, devil's club (*Oplopanax horridus*), giant horsetail, skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*), creeping buttercup and piggy-back-plant,

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands H and J at SP 13 and 15.

- SP 13 was located in Wetland H. The topsoil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. Between six and ten inches the soil was a dark gray (2.5Y 4/1) loamy sand with dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) concentrations. The subsoil, starting at a depth of ten inches, was a gray (5Y 5/1) silty clay loam with olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) concentrations, and with inclusions of sand and gravel. The soils met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11

(Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). Soil at SP 13 was saturated to the surface and the water table was present at a depth of 10 inches.

- SP 15 was located in Wetland J. The topsoil was a dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at nine inches, was a dark gray (2.5Y 4/1) loam with gravel and with olive brown (2.5Y 3/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 15 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). The soil in SP 15 was saturated and the water table was present to the surface.

Wetlands H and J are located on moderately steep slopes and both flow north directly into Swede Creek. The majority of both wetlands are sloped and predominantly seasonally saturated with occasional depressions that are seasonally inundated near the toe. Sources of hydrology for these wetlands likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater or seeps. The very lower fringe of each wetland also may occasionally contain overflow from Swede Creek.

**Wetland LL – PFO, Slope**

Wetland LL is a PFO, slope wetlands located south of Swede Creek. This wetland is located outside of the riparian area, on a bench above the ravine. Wetland LL flows north via Stream 18 at its outlet, which then flows down the road and into Swede Creek.

Vegetation observed within Wetland LL includes black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*), red alder, vine maple, salmonberry, and piggy-back-plant.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland LL at SP 48.

- In SP 48, topsoil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. Between five and nine inches, the soil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of nine inches, was a light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) clay with dark grayish brown (10YR 4/6) concentrations. A clay restrictive layer was present at nine inches. The soil in SP 48 was saturated to the surface and the water table was present at plus two inches. The soils in SP 48 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix).

Wetland LL contains both seasonally saturated and seasonally, shallowly inundated areas. Sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. This wetland drains north via two outlets. The first is Stream 18. A second outlet was observed east of the first, where the wetland appears to occasionally flow down an old logging road during storm events. Both outlets flow into the ditch along the road and northeast to Swede Creek.

**Wetlands K, L, M, and N – Riverine**

Wetlands K, L, M, and N are riverine wetlands located along the northern OHWM of Swede Creek. Wetlands K and L are located entirely within the OHWM of Swede Creek. Wetlands M and N contain slope components above the OHWM, as well as inputs from smaller streams. Wetland N also contains depressional areas and an upland island that was not delineated.

Wetlands K and L are small, scrub-shrub wetlands located below the northern OHWM and are separated from one another by a bend in the creek. Wetlands M and N are adjacent to one another and are separated by a small upland ridge. Wetland M is predominantly scrub-shrub, while Wetland N is forested. Vegetation observed within these wetlands was similar to others onsite and includes vine maple, salmonberry, swamp gooseberry, skunk cabbage, piggy-back-plant. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland N includes western red cedar, paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*), and lady fern.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands L and N at SP 16 and SP17.

- SP 16 was located in Wetland L. The soil was similar to SP7 and SP9, and while soils were reduced or depleted, concentrations were not present and they did not meet any NRCS hydric soil indicators. Soils were saturated to the surface at the time of the site visit. Wetland determination was made based on hydrology and best professional judgment.
- SP 17 was located in Wetland N. The topsoil was a very dark gray (2.5Y 3/1) silty clay loam. The subsoil, starting at 10 inches, was a dark gray (2.5Y 4/1) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 17 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at 10 inches. Soil in this plot was saturated from the restrictive layer to the surface at the time of the site visit.

Wetlands K and L appear to be seasonally saturated or occasionally inundated during overbank flooding. Sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater, and overflow from Swede Creek. Wetlands K and L drain directly into Swede Creek.

Wetland M also appears to be predominantly seasonally saturated. Sources of hydrology to Wetland M appear to be predominantly from Stream 9 that flows into the wetland from the north, and from occasional overflow from Swede Creek. Additional sources of hydrology may include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Wetland M drains directly into Swede Creek through Stream 9 and through infiltration along the stream bank.

Wetland N contains areas of seasonal saturation and seasonal ponding. Sources of hydrology for Wetland N appear to be predominantly from Streams 10, 11, 12 and from occasional overflow from Swede Creek. Additional sources of hydrology may include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Wetland N drains directly into Swede Creek along the southwestern edge.

### 3.2.5 Area 3- Figure 7 (Appendix B)

Area 3 is on a terrace north of Swede Creek. This area contains **Wetlands P, R, and T**, and one stream. In general, this area is located on a relatively flat bench, but the land west of the road slopes steeply west, and south or southeast along the eastern extent.

**Wetlands P and R – PFO, Depressional**

Wetlands P and R are PFO, depressional wetlands. The western extent of Wetland P was flagged as Q. This area is a mosaic of wetland and upland and these areas (Wetland P and Q) should be considered one wetland.

Vegetation observed in Wetlands P and R includes red alder, western red cedar, paper birch, cascara (*Frangula purshiana*), black cottonwood, vine maple, salmonberry, hardhack, slough sedge, skunk cabbage, and piggy-back-plant.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands P and R at SP 21 and 23.

- SP 21 was located in Wetland P. The topsoil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at three inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with brown (7.5YR 4/4) concentrations between three and seven inches and yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) concentrations throughout. Soil in this plot was saturated and the water table was at the surface, with surface ponding approximately one inch above the surface.
- SP 23 was located in Wetland R. Topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. Between 9 and eight inches, the soil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at eight inches, was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) clay loam with gray (2.5Y 5/1) depletions and dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) concentrations. The water table was present at the surface in this plot, with some surface ponding between 0-2 inches.

The soils in SP 21 and 23 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix).

Wetland P is located within a sloped depression, which appears to be between 25 and 50 percent seasonally inundated with no more than a few inches of water. Wetland P appears to extend outside of the review area to the north. The offsite portion appears to drain northwest via a small seasonal or intermittently flowing outlet (stream) which appears to connect to Stream 13.

Wetland R also appears to contain areas of seasonal saturation and seasonal inundation. The majority of the wetland appear to contain less than six inches of ponding, but a small pond was observed in the western extent that was approximately 20 inches deep at the time of the site visit. Wetland R appears outlet to the east towards Wetland P.

Sources of hydrology for Wetlands P and R likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater.

**Wetland T – PFO/PSS, Slope**

Wetland T is a PFO/PSS, slope wetland located northwest of a bend in the road. The majority of Wetland T is forested, except for the eastern portion adjacent to the road. Vegetation observed within Wetland T includes black cottonwood, red alder, western red cedar, paper birch, cascara, vine maple, salmonberry, hardhack, and Himalayan blackberry, and piggyback plant. The PSS portion was dominated by hardhack, vine maple, and salmonberry.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland T at SP 24.

- In SP 24, the topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. Between four and seven inches, the soil was a very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at seven inches, was a dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 24 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at seven inches. The water table was perched above the restrictive layer to the surface and surface water was present approximately one inch above.

Wetland T contains areas of seasonal saturation and shallow inundation. Wetland T receives water from a ditch along the road, which contributes water to the western portion of Wetland T. Other sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Two seasonal outlets were identified along the eastern boundary, which drain into the roadside ditch. The southern flows into a culvert under the road and forms Stream 13 to the east.

### 3.2.6 Area 4- Figure 8 (Appendix B)

Area 4 is a continuation of the terrace north of Area 3. This area contains **Wetlands U, AA, and BB**, and four streams. In general, this area is located on a relatively flat bench. Land east of the road generally slopes gently west. Land west of the road gently slopes southeast.

**Wetland U – PFO/PSS, Depressional**

Wetland U is a large PFO/ PSS depressional wetland, located west of the road. This wetland appears to extend off-site to the west. The majority of the on-site portion is forested. The off-site portion of Wetland U appears to have areas dominated by scrub-shrub vegetation as observed from the review area boundary and in aerial photographs. Vegetation observed within Wetland U includes black cottonwood, red alder, western red cedar, paper birch, cascara, vine maple, salmonberry, hardhack, black twinberry, swamp gooseberry, lady fern, skunk cabbage, slough sedge, piggy-back-plant, and creeping buttercup.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland U at SP 27.

- In SP 27, the topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. Between three and nine inches, the soil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silty clay loam. The subsoil, starting at nine inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 24 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at nine inches. The water table was perched from the restrictive layer to the surface and ponding was present approximately one to two inches above.

Wetland U receives water from Wetland BB via Stream 14 and a second culvert located under the road. Both flows into northeastern portion of the wetland. Additional sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Wetland U appears to contain both seasonal saturation and shallow inundation. Ponded areas cover approximately 25 to 50 percent of the wetland and are generally only a few inches deep. Wetland U has two outlets, two seasonally flowing streams (Streams 15 and 21) at

the southeastern extent. The wetland also appears to flow west via another stream likely present (due to interpretation of LiDAR) at the western, offsite extent.

**Wetland AA – PSS, Depressional**

Wetland AA is a very small PSS, depressional wetland located east of the road. The majority of Wetland AA is unvegetated, but it contains a few swamp gooseberry and salmonberry.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland AA at SP 100.

- In SP100, the topsoil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at seven inches, was a greenish gray (Gley1 5/10GY) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. The soil in SP 100 met NRCS hydric soil indicator F2 (Loamy Gleyed Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at seven inches. The water table was perched above the restrictive layer to the surface.

Wetland A is located in a closed depression and the wetland appears to contain water until infiltration or evaporation occurs. Typically, the wetland appears to be between 25 and 50 percent seasonally ponded, with less than six inches of water. Sources of hydrology likely includes direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater.

**Wetland BB – PFO/PSS/PEM, Slope**

Wetland BB is a larger slope wetland located east of the road. This wetland is located in the area that was logged in 2018 and both vegetation and soils remain somewhat disturbed. Wetland BB is a mosaic with upland hummocks and ridges that separate areas of seasonal saturation and inundation. Upland hummocks are present inside the area mapped as Wetland BB that were not delineated. The upper part of this wetland was flagged as QQ but due to the mosaic nature this should be considered one wetland unit.

Wetland BB contains PFO, PSS, and PEM communities. The southern half of the wetland is mostly forested, while the northern half is mostly emergent. Vegetation observed in the PFO and PSS communities includes red alder, paper birch, cascara, black cottonwood, vine maple, salmonberry, hardhack, skunk cabbage, and false-lily-of-the-valley (*Maianthemum dilatatum*), and patches of Himalayan blackberry and cutleaf blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus*). Species observed in the PEM community includes soft rush, large-leaved avens (*Geum macrophyllum*), velvet grass (*Holcus lanatus*), colonial bentgrass (*Agrostis capillaris*), small-fruited bullrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*), and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland BB at SP 102 and 54.

- In SP 102, the topsoil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at eight inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) silt loam with strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) concentrations. The soil in SP 102 met NRCS hydric soil indicator F3 (Depleted Matrix). The soil was saturated at a depth of -9 inches at the time of the site visit.
- In SP 54, the soil was a 10YR 3/1 from 0-20 inches. Soils at SP 54 do not meet hydric indicators. The area was recently disturbed during logging which may have resulted in

changes to site hydrology. During the site visit, the soil was saturated throughout the profile and the water table was present at the surface.

Wetland BB contains areas of seasonal saturation and shallow inundation. Water was very patchy and generally present in isolated pockets within the wetland that contained two to 10 inches of ponding. Sources of hydrology for Wetland BB likely includes direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. The northern portion of Wetland BB drains west through several seeps that flow into the roadside ditch and into Wetland U. Wetland BB also drains directly into Streams 20 and 22 at the southern extent.

### 3.2.7 Area 5- Figure 9 (Appendix B)

Area 5 is located at the northern extent of the review area. This area contains **Wetlands V, W, X, Y, Z, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH, JJ**, and two small streams. In general, this area slopes gently to the north. Land north of the road/ review area slopes steeply north.

**Wetlands V, W, Z, CC, FF, and GG – PSS, Depressional**

Wetlands V, W, Z, CC, FF, and GG are small, PSS, depressional wetlands located in the northern portion of the review area. Wetlands V, W, Z, and CC are located west of the road, while Wetlands FF and GG are located east of the road. Wetlands Z, FF, and GG are predominantly unvegetated depressions, but vegetation observed includes a few vine maple and salmonberry. Vegetation observed within Wetlands V, W, and CC includes vine maple, salmonberry, lady fern, piggy-back-plant, and Himalayan blackberry. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland V includes black cottonwood, cascara, and manna grass. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland W includes skunk cabbage. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland CC includes soft rush, dewey sedge (*Carex deweyana*), giant horsetail, hardhack, and trailing blackberry. Additional vegetation observed within Wetland DD includes red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) and black twinberry.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands V, W, Z, CC, FF, and GG in SP 28, 31, 35, 36, 42, and 43.

- SP 28 was located in Wetland V. Above the topsoil was two inches of organic matter. The topsoil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. Between seven and ten inches the soil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) concentration. The subsoil, starting at ten inches, was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam with dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) depletions. Soil in this plot was saturated and the water table was present at the surface during the site visit.
- SP 31 was located in Wetland W. Topsoil was a very dark gray (2.5Y 3/1) silt loam. Between six and seven inches, the soil was a black (10YR 2/1) loam. Between seven and ten inches the soil was a very dark gray (2.5Y 3/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at ten inches, was a dark grayish brown (2.5YR 4/2) silt loam with grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) depletions and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations). Soil in this plot was saturated and the water table was present at the surface during the site visit.
- SP 35 was located in Wetland Z. The topsoil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at eight inches, was a dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silt

loam with brown (10YR 4/3) concentrations. Soil in this plot was saturated and the water table was present at the surface during the site visit

- SP 36 was located in Wetland CC. The topsoil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. Between four and six inches the soil was a dark brown (10YR 3/3) silt loam. Between six and eight inches the soil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of eight inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4 and 10YR 4/6) concentrations and gray (2.5Y 6/1) depletions. A restrictive clay layer was present at eight inches. Soils were saturated and the water table was present from the restrictive layer to the surface.
- SP 42 was located in Wetland FF. The topsoil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil beginning at two inches was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. A restrictive clay layer was present at two inches. Soils were saturated and the water table was present to a depth of two inches.
- SP 43 was located in Wetland GG. The topsoil was a very dark gray (7.5YR 3/1) silt loam. Between four and ten inches the soil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of ten inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) concentrations. A restrictive clay layer was present at ten inches. Soils were saturated and the water table was present from the restrictive layer to the surface.

The soils in SP 35, 36, 42, 43 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). Soils in SP 28 and 31 met NRCS hydric soil indicator F6 (Redox Dark Surface) and A11, respectively.

Wetlands V, Z, FF, and GG are closed depressions. No distinct outlets were present and these wetlands appear to contain water until infiltration or evaporation occurs. However, Wetlands V and FF are located in fairly shallow depressions and water may overflow into surrounding uplands during larger storm events. Wetlands W and CC have intermittently flowing outlets that drain to the ditch along the western side of the road. Both then flow north. Wetlands Z and GG appear to be less than 25 percent seasonally ponded, with only a few inches of water. Wetland F appears to be between 25 to 50 percent seasonally ponded, again with only a few inches of water. Wetlands V and W appear to be greater than 50 percent seasonally ponded, with less than six inches of water in Wetland V and up to 24 inches of water in Wetland W. Sources of hydrology for these wetlands likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater.

**Wetlands X, Y, and DD – PSS, Slope**

Wetlands X, Y, and DD are PSS, slope wetlands. Wetlands X and Y are located to the west of the road and Wetland X appears to extend off-site to the west. Wetland DD is located east of the road. Vegetation observed within these wetlands was dominated by vine maple and salmonberry. Additional vegetation observed within Wetlands X and DD includes hardhack,

sword fern on hummocks, lady fern, and piggy-back-plant. Additional vegetation observed within DD includes a few black cottonwood and red alder.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetlands X, Y, and DD at SP 32, 34, and 38.

- SP 32 and 34 were located in Wetlands X and Y respectively. The topsoil in these plots was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of seven/nine inches, was a dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) clay with strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) concentrations and gray (2.5Y 5/1) depletions. The soil in these sample plots met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at seven/nine inches. The water table was perched, and soils were saturated from the restrictive layer to the surface.
- SP 38 was located in Wetland DD. The topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. Between five and nine inches, the soil was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) silt loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. The subsoil, starting at a depth of nine inches, was a light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) clay with yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) concentrations. The soil in SP 38 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface), F3 (Depleted Matrix), and F2 (Loamy Gleyed Matrix). A clay restrictive layer was present at nine inches. The soil in SP 38 was saturated and the water table was present from the restrictive layer to the surface.

Wetlands X, Y and DD are slope wetlands. Sources of hydrology for these wetlands likely includes direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Wetland Y also receives water from the ditch west of the road.

Wetland Y does not have a distinct outlet and it appears hydrology either remains in the wetland or infiltration or sub-surface flow occurs along the slope gradient. The off-site extent of Wetland X appears flow into a channel that serves as an intermittent outlet (based on a review of LiDAR). Wetland DD outlets to the roadside ditch west of the wetland via multiple seeps, which then flows north.

**Wetland EE – PFO/PSS, Slope**

Wetland EE is a sloped wetland located in the northern extent of the review area, east of the road. Wetland EE is vegetated with both PFO and PSS communities, and a small PEM community that covers less than 10 percent of the wetland area on the northern edge. Vegetation observed within Wetland EE includes black cottonwood, red alder, western red cedar, paper birch, vine maple, salmonberry, hardhack, Himalayan blackberry, giant horsetail, piggy-back-plant, lady fern, and soft rush.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland EE at SP 41.

- In SP 41, the topsoil was a very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at four inches, was a gray (2.5Y 5/1) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) and yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) concentrations. The soil in SP 41 met NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). A restrictive clay layer was present at four inches. Soils were saturated and the water table was present from the restrictive layer to the surface.

Wetland EE contains areas of seasonal saturation and shallow inundation. Sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Wetland EE outlets to the north and forms two seasonal streams (Streams 16 and 17). Both flow north and underneath the road through culverts and outlet further down the slope.

**Wetland HH – PFO, Depressional**

Wetland HH is a PFO, depressional wetland located, east of the road. Vegetation observed includes black cottonwood, paper birch, red alder, vine maple, salmonberry, hardhack, Himalayan blackberry, lady fern, and mannagrass.

Wetland soils were documented in Wetland HH at SP 44.

- In SP 44, the topsoil was a black (10YR 2/1) silt loam. Between seven and 12 inches, the topsoil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at 12 inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) concentrations. The soil in SP 44 met NRCS hydric soil indicator A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface). A restrictive clay layer was present at 12 inches. Soils were saturated and the water table was present from the restrictive layer to the surface.

Wetland HH contains seasonally saturated and shallowly ponded areas. Ponded areas appear to be between 25 and 50 percent of the wetland area and contain a few inches of inundation. Sources of hydrology likely include direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater. Wetland HH appears to extend to the east, outside of the review area. The off-site extent appears to form a channel that serves as a seasonal outlet (based on a review of LiDAR). The channel appears to flow east and into the stream out of Wetland JJ, which flows northeast to the Samish River.

**Wetland JJ – PSS/PEM, Depressional**

Wetland JJ is a large depressional wetland located east of the road. This wetland appears to extend east outside of the review area and may have been formed or modified by beaver activity. Wetland JJ is mainly un-vegetated (aquatic bed) with PEM patches and a PSS fringe. Vegetation observed includes cascara, black twinberry, hardhack, salmonberry, vine maple, devil's club, Himalayan blackberry, skunk cabbage, small-fruited bullrush, common cattail (*Typha latifolia*), mannagrass, lady fern, tall horsetail, and American brookelime.

During the site visit, Wetland JJ was nearly 100 percent ponded. Ponding appears to extent upwards of two feet. A soil sample was not taken in Wetland JJ due to the depth of ponding.

Sources of hydrology to Wetland JJ likely includes direct precipitation, surface runoff, and potentially seasonally high or perched groundwater or seeps. Wetland JJ is segmented by at least three beaver dams. At the time of the site visit, several examples of fresh beaver chew and activity were observed. Wetland JJ drains off-site to the northeast through what is assumed to be a permanently flowing stream, which flows north to the Samish River.

### 3.2.8 2014 Wetland Categorization and Functional Assessment

NES categorized the identified wetlands using the WDOE Wetland Rating Systems for Western Washington: 2014 Update (Rating Systems) (Hruby, 2014) and the associated wetland rating form (January 2015) (Appendix D).

The 2014 Washington State Wetland Rating System categorizes wetlands based on specific attributes based on rarity, sensitivity to disturbance, and the functions they provide. This methodology identifies and quantifies the potential of various functions operating within a wetland. This determination is based on the physical characteristics of water quality, hydrologic, and habitat functions in the wetland and its buffers. Using this system, wetlands are given a score based on the functions provided by the wetland and are classified as Category I (highest) through Category IV (lowest). A Category I rating is assigned to wetlands that have the highest value, opportunity and potential to provide functions, and are most difficult to replace.

The 2014 Rating System scores wetland function for three categories: water quality, hydrology, and habitat. Each functional category is rated for site potential, landscape potential, and value. Rating scores are given as either "High," "Medium," and "Low."

Wetlands that rate "high" for water quality site potential typically have physical features that give the wetland the potential to provide water quality treatment. Wetlands that rate "high" for water quality landscape potential typically are in a position in the landscape that may receive potentially polluted runoff and therefore the wetlands have the opportunity to provide treatment. Wetlands that rate "high" for water quality value are typically valuable to society because they improve water quality in a basin with documented water quality impairment.

Wetlands that rate "high" for hydrologic site potential typically have physical characteristics that enable the wetland to reduce flooding and erosion by providing water storage. Wetlands that rate "high" for hydrologic landscape potential typically are in a setting where the wetlands receive runoff from developed or partially developed areas. Wetlands that rate "high" hydrologic value are typically valuable to society because they provide functions in a basin where flooding occurs.

Wetlands that rate "high" for wildlife habitat site potential typically have the physical features that provide breeding habitat, cover, and/or foraging habitat for a variety of species. Wetlands that rate "high" for habitat landscape potential are typically in a landscape position where little habitat fragmentation or loss has occurred, and the wetland has the opportunity to provide wildlife habitat as multiple species may be present. Wetlands that rate "high" for habitat value typically provide value to society because the wetlands are adjacent to habitats or species that are protected by local, state, or federal regulations.

Functions with a "moderate" rating provide the above functions to a lesser degree. Functions with a "low" rating are typically in wetlands that are degraded, are not supported by the surrounding landscape, or do not provide functions that are a value to society.

The 2014 WDOE Rating Forms for the identified wetland(s) are included in Appendix E. A summary of 2014 WDOE rating and scores are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Wetland Rating and Functional Assessment**

| Wetland | Improving Water Quality | Hydrologic | Habitat | Total Score | WDOE Category |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A, B | M/L/H (6) | L/L/L (3) | L/H/M (6) | **15** | **IV** |
| C, F | L/L/H (5) | L/L/L (3) | L/H/M (6) | **14** | **IV** |
| D, E, K, L, M | M/L/H (6) | M/M/M (6) | L/H/H (7) | **19** | **III** |
| N | M/M/H (7) | M/M/M (6) | M/H/H (8) | **21** | **II** |
| G | M/L/H (6) | L/L/M (4) | L/H/M (6) | **16** | **III** |
| H, LL | L/L/H (5) | L/L/M (4) | L/H/H (7) | **16** | **III** |
| J | L/L/H (5) | L/L/M (4) | M/H/H (8) | **17** | **III** |
| P, W | M/L/H (6) | M/L/M (5) | L/H/M (6) | **17** | **III** |
| R | M/L/H (6) | M/L/M (5) | M/H/M (7) | **18** | **III** |
| T, EE | L/L/H (5) | L/L/M (4) | M/H/M (7) | **16** | **III** |
| U | M/L/H (6) | M/M/M (6) | M/H/H (8) | **20** | **II** |
| V | M/L/H (6) | M/L/L (4) | L/H/M (6) | **16** | **III** |
| X, Y | L/L/H (5) | L/L/M (4) | L/H/L (5) | **14** | **IV** |
| Z, GG | M/L/H (6) | M/L/L (4) | L/H/L (5) | **15** | **IV** |
| AA | L/L/H (5) | M/L/M (5) | L/H/L (5) | **15** | **IV** |
| BB | M/L/H (6) | L/M/M (5) | M/H/M (7) | **18** | **III** |
| CC | M/L/H (6) | M/L/M (5) | L/H/L (5) | **16** | **III** |
| DD | L/L/H (5) | L/L/M (4) | L/H/M (6) | **15** | **IV** |
| FF | M/L/H (6) | L/L/L (3) | L/H/L (5) | **14** | **IV** |
| HH, KK | M/L/H (6) | M/L/M (5) | L/H/H (7) | **18** | **III** |
| JJ | M/L/H (6) | H/L/M (6) | M/H/H (8) | **20** | **II** |
| MM/NN/PP | M/L/H (6) | M/M/M (6) | M/H/H (8) | **20** | **II** |

Site potential score /landscape potential score/ value score (total points for function)
L=Low; M=Moderate, H=High

## 3.3 Upland Areas

The majority of uplands on the site are primarily mixed forest. Throughout the review area there are pockets of forest that are predominantly evergreen or deciduous, however, these areas account for a small proportion of the overall forest cover. The majority of forested areas do not appear to have been logged since before 2001. The expectation is an approximate four-acre section of forest located north of the Swede Creek and west of the bridge; and another approximately 38-acre section of forest near the center of the site, in the area that encompasses Wetland BB. Both areas appear to have been logged in 2018.

Species observed in the upland forests includes Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), western red cedar, big leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), red alder, paper birch, cascara, western hemlock (*Tsuga hereophylla*), vine maple, salmonberry, red elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*), hardhack, English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), swamp gooseberry, Himalayan blackberry, cut-leaf blackberry, trailing blackberry, red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*), sword fern, bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), spiny woodfern (*Dryopteris expansa*), and herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*).

The forested areas dominated by an evergreen canopy of western red cedar or Douglas fir had less diverse understory primarily dominated by sword fern. Deciduous or mixed forested areas had greater diversity in understory and had denser scrub-shrub cover in general.

Species observed in the upland areas that were recently logged includes sword fern, common burdock (*Arctium minus*), colonial bentgrass, velvetgrass, white clover (*Trifolium repens*), common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*), dovesfoot geranium (*Geranium molle*), Himalayan blackberry, trailing blackbery, reed canarygrass, butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*), field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*), common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*), and common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*). Dead shrubs were also observed throughout this area.

A fill pile was observed in the vicinity of SP 52. This area contained hydric soil and hydrophytic vegetation, but no hydrology was observed. Due to the observed lack of hydrology, hydric soil was not likely formed in place, but clayey soils appear to be dense enough to support hydrophytic vegetation (dense soft rush) that was present.

Habitat features, such as pieces of large woody debris (LWD) or snags, were present in the majority of the site uplands but they were not plentiful in most areas other than in the Swede Creek riparian corridor. A few habitat features (LWD and snags) that meet the WDFW criteria of a Priority habitat feature were noted throughout the site.

Upland soils were documented at SP 2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 18, 20, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 37, 39, 40, 45, 47, 50, 101, and 103 (Figures 5 to 9, Appendix B).

Soils in many of the upland plots were similar to other soils that are in the same soil unit. Soils in the Skipopa silt loam unit (SP 2, 4, 8, 10, 22, 25, 26, 47, 50, 101, 103) had topsoil that was between a black and very dark grayish brown (10YR 2/1, 2/2, 3/2, or 7.5YR 3/2) silt loam or loam, and a subsoil that was between a very dark grayish brown and a brown (10YR 3/2, 3/3, 4/2, or 4/3) silt loam, loam, or silty clay loam.

Soils in the Hoogdal silt loam unit (SP 18 and 20) had topsoil that was a black or very dark brown (10YR 2/1 or 2/2) silt loam and subsoil that was a brown or yellowish brown (10YR 4/3 or 5/4) clay loam.

Soils within the Sehome loam unit (SP 30, 33, 37, 39, 40, and 45) had topsoil that was between a black and dark brown (10YR 2/1, 2/2, 3/3, or 7.5YR 3/2) silt loam or loam, and a subsoil that was between a dark brown and yellowish brown (10YR 3/3, 3/4, or 2.5Y 4/3) silt loam or loam.

Soil in upland plots that did not match the descriptions above are detailed below:

- SP 4 was located upslope of Wetland C. The topsoil was a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of nine inches, was a grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) concentrations. Soils at SP 4 met the NRCS hydric soil indicators A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface) and F3 (Depleted Matrix). This area lacked hydrology.
- SP 8 was located adjacent to Wetland E. The topsoil was a dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) clay loam. Between 7 and 11 inches the soil was a brown (10YR 5/3) clay loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of 11 inches, was a light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) clay with light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) depletions.
- SP 10 was located adjacent to and upslope of Wetland F. The topsoil was a dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) silt loam. The subsoil, beginning at a depth of 11 inches, was a light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) clay with olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) concentrations.
- SP14 was located adjacent to Wetland H. The topsoil was a mixed matrix composed of 75 percent olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) and 5 percent gray (2.5Y 5/1) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. Between 7 and 13 inches, the soil was a dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of 13 inches, was a gray (5Y 5/1) clay with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) concentrations.
- SP 37 was located adjacent to and down slope of Wetland CC. Above the topsoil was a two-inch layer of organic matter. The topsoil was a dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) silt loam, high in organic matter. The subsoil, starting at a depth of 12 inches, was a dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) clay loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) concentrations. Soils met the NRCS hydric soil indicator A11 (Depleted Below Dark Surface). No hydrology indicators were observed.
- SP 39 was located adjacent to eastern portion of Wetland DD. The topsoil was a dark brown (10YR 3/3) silt loam. Between 7 and 13 inches, the soil was a dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) loamy sand. The subsoil, starting at a depth of 13 inches, was a very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/2) sand with brown (10YR 4/3) concentrations.
- SP 40 was located adjacent to the southern portion of Wetland EE. The topsoil was a very dark brown (7.5YR 2.5/3) loam. Between four and nine inches, the soil was a dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of nine inches, was a yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) clay with grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) depletions.

- SP 101 was located adjacent to Wetland AA. The topsoil was a dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) silt loam. Between 8 and 14 inches, the soil was a brown (7.5YR 4/4) silt loam. The subsoil, starting at a depth of 14 inches, was a light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/4) clay loam.

Soils in the above sample plots did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators, with the exception of SPs 4 and 37. Soils were dry in the upland plots and no wetland hydrology indicators were observed in these sample plots or elsewhere within the review area.

## 3.4 Streams and Lakes

Swede Creek bisects the southern portion of the review area. Twenty-one additional smaller streams were also observed within the review area, as detailed below.

### 3.4.1 Document Review

The following provides a summary of the findings contained within documents reviewed:

- **WDFW SalmonScape Map (WDFW, 2021b) (Figure 12)**
  WDFW SalmonScape mapping indicates Swede Creek bisecting the southern portion of the site. From the site (bridge crossing the creek) the stream flows southwest and in less than a mile (approximately 0.7 miles) flows into the Samish River. The Samish River flows approximately 10 miles south and west and into Samish Bay.

  WDFW maps three additional stream features within the site vicinity. One is an unnamed tributary to Swede Creek, mapped just offsite in the southwest part of the review area, west of Area 1. The second and third are a pond in the northeastern section, with an unnamed tributary flowing from the pond and into the Samish River, to the north.

- **WDFW PHS Map (WDFW, 2021a) (Figure 11)**
  PHS maps indicate Swede Creek and the southern Swede Creek tributary similar to SalmonScape mapping, but PHS maps do not indicate the Samish River tributary to the north.

- **Skagit County iMap (Skagit County 2021a)**
  Skagit County mapping indicates Swede Creek onsite only.

- **The Watershed Company- Critical Area Reconnaissance Sketch (June 2021).**
  The Watershed Company provided a reconnaissance of the project vicinity on June 4 of 2021. Mapping from this effort indicates two streams potentially onsite (plus Swede Creek which was not indicated on the recon map).

- **Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Practices Application Mapping Tool (Figure 13)**
  The DNR mapping indicates Swede Creek as a fish bearing stream. Other streams within the review area are not mapped.

### 3.4.2 Field Observation

**Swede Creek**

Consistent with background maps, Swede Creek was observed in the southern portion of the review area. Approximately 0.25 linear miles of Swede Creek is located within the review area (Figures 3, 4, and 6, Appendix B). NES mapped the OHWM within the review area.

The stream is located at the toe of a fairly high and steep ravine. The stream is located in a moderately confined channel at the toe of the ravine. The banks are downcut by one to two feet in some but not all areas. At the time of the site visit, the channel was between 10 and 15 feet wide and generally six to 12 inches on average, but deeper pools were present. Overhanging vegetation was present over the majority of the channel and woody debris was observed within the stream. The bed was a mixture of gravel, cobble, boulders, and clay.

**Streams 1-18 and 20-22**

Twenty-one additional smaller streams were identified in the vicinity of the review area. These can be seen in Figures 3 to 8 (Appendix B). Figure 4 displays the stream map over LiDAR imagery of the area and includes flow arrows to clarify connectivity as indicated below. In most cases, NES marked the OHWM of the stream with pink field flagging. If the stream channel was 1.5 feet wide or smaller, only the center line was flagged. Streams 10, 11, and 12 were not flagged due to their location outside the 200 foot stream review area but the extent is approximated in Figure 6 (Appendix B).

All site streams, with the exception of Streams 16 and 17 and the stream at the outlet of Wetland JJ, flow to Swede Creek. The stream at the outlet of Wetland JJ flows north and directly into the Samish River. Streams 16 and 17 both flow north, under the haul road, and into the proposed mine site. Based on the GBA report they do not continue within this portion of the property and based on gravel in this area they are assumed to infiltrate but this was not confirmed by NES.

- Streams 1 to 7 are located in the southern portion of the review area (Figure 5, Appendix B). In general, these are all fairly small, narrow channels originating from seeps or wetlands located on the east side of the road. Streams 1 and 2 also contain runoff from Grip Road, and downcutting of Stream 1 may be undermining the stability of the roadside edge.

  The streams were generally between 0.5 feet and three feet wide and only contained a few inches of flowing water during the site visit. Streams 6 and 7 are slightly wider/ deeper and appears to contain more volume than the others. These were two to three feet wide on average and contained three to six inches of water.

  Streams 1 to 7 are all downcut one to three feet into the clay sub-soil, and many sections are moderately steep. Downcut, plunge pools were observed in the channels.

  The channel of Stream 4, east of SP 6 is not well defined. This stream originates from a culvert under the haul road. A distinct channel is present for a short stretch that may have potentially been man-made during construction of the road. The stream channel

then becomes less distinct and flows in a braided fashion down the slope between sword fern hummocks before re-channelizing west of SP 6.

During the site visits all of these streams contained flowing water with the exception of the upper reaches of Stream 3. The streams appear to converge outside of the review area and are the head waters of the aforementioned tributary to Swede Creek that is mapped by WDFW just offsite to the west.

- Streams 8 to 12 are small tributaries to Swede Creek, located west of the bridge (Figure 6, Appendix B). Stream 8 flows north into Swede Creek, while Streams 9 to 12 flow south to the creek. Streams 10, 11, and 12 were not flagged since they were outside of the 200-ft road review area. Streams 8 to 12 appear to contain water from seeps or road runoff and do not have upstream connections to other streams or wetlands. All contained flowing water during the site visits. In general, the channels were small- two to three feet wide, and contained two to four inches of water. Stream 9 was downcut by two to three feet in places, and a number of plunge pools were present. Stream 9 flows into Wetland M, and Streams 10, 11. And 12 flow into Wetland N, all before flowing into Swede Creek.
- Stream 13 forms from the outlet of Wetland T (Figure 7, Appendix B). This stream originates at the wetland on the west side of the road, flows under the road via a culvert and then flows south and east and into the off-site tributary of Swede Creek. On average this stream is two feet wide and contained two to three inches of flowing water. The channel is downcut by one to two feet and the bed was silt or clay.
- Stream 14 is a small reach that flows from the western edge of the road into Wetland U (Figure 8, Appendix B). This drainage is potentially man-made and may have been dug to direct water when the road was installed. The stream originates at the culvert under the road and contains water from the ditch east of the haul road which serves as an outlet for Wetland BB. The channel is four feet wide and contains four to six inches of water. The bed was gravel over silt or clay.
- Streams 15, 20, 21, and 22 are located mid-site and are connected in some manner (Figure 8, Appendix B). Stream 15 is the outlet of Wetland U, and flows from west to east, under the road, and the section east of the road was flagged as Stream 20. Stream 22 is an outlet of Wetland BB that flows into Stream 20. Stream 21 also flows into Stream 20, but south of the other channels. Stream 21 originates from a culvert under the road and contains flow from the roadside ditch and potentially groundwater seepage from Wetland U. These streams all generally flow southeast and into Swede Creek offsite (Figure 4, Appendix B).
- Streams 16 and 17 are located in the northern portion of the site (Figure 9, Appendix B). Both are outlets from Wetland EE and both flow north into culverts under the haul road. These streams are fairly small. Stream 16 was 0.5 feet to two feet wide and contained a few inches of flowing water during the site visit. Stream 17 was one to four feet wide and contained two to four inches of water, and the bed was cobble, silt or clay.

- Stream 18 is the outlet of Wetland LL (Figure 6, Appendix B). This stream is only a short reach that flows from the wetland and into the ditch along the road. The ditched channel then flows north, into a culvert under the road, into Stream 8, and then Swede Creek. The channel of Stream 18 was only one to two feet wide and contains up to three inches of flowing water during the site visit. The channel is downcut by one to two feet and the bed was it or clay.

**Seeps**

Three small seeps were also observed on the hillside between Swede Creek and the road, located on the south bank, south of the bridge. The center line of each was flagged (Figure 6, Appendix B). The seeps are located on steeper slopes above the stream generally less than 50 feet from the OHWM. Substrate is generally gravel over clay. The seep channels were approximately one foot wide on average and contained saturated soil during the site visits.

## 3.5 Fish and Wildlife

Swede Creek is mapped as fish bearing stream containing multiple species of salmonids and trout, including state and federally listed species.

Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*) is a native species that can be found in Skagit County. This species is listed as federally Threatened and Endangered by Washington State. Critical habitat is present approximately 700 feet northeast of the review area. Habitat for Oregon spotted frog is potentially present in Wetland JJ and this wetland appears to have a surface connection to critical habitat. Frogs were not observed in Wetland JJ but observations were limited to one day in this area, and to limited to observations along one edge of the wetland.

Pileated woodpecker *(Dryocopus pileatus*) excavations were observed in one location mid-site. Pileated woodpecker are a Priority species in Washington State.

No other listed or Priority species or associated habitats (other than the wetlands and streams) were observed or are mapped in the review area or vicinity.

### 3.5.1 Document Review

The following provides a summary of the findings contained within documents reviewed:

- **WDFW SalmonScape Map (WDFW, 2021b) (Figure 12)**
  WDFW mapping indicates presence of multiple salmonids in Swede Creek. The stream is mapped with documented spawning habitat for coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*); documented presence of steelhead salmon (*O. mykiss*); and is mapped as gradient accessible to Chinook (*O. tshawytscha*), pink (*O. gorbuscha*), and chum salmon (*O. keta*)- with documented chum 0.2 miles downstream of the onsite bridge.

  Steelhead, Chinook, chum, and coho salmonid are documented downstream in the Samish River. A partial fish passage barrier (culvert) is mapped downstream under Grip Road, just before Swede Creek flows into the river.

  The other two streams mapped by WDFW in the vicinity also are mapped as fish bearing. In the northeastern tributary to the Samish River (outlet of Wetlands JJ)- coho

salmon are mapped in the lower reaches, but only for the lower 350 feet closest to the river. In the southwestern tributary to the Swede Creek (downstream of Streams 1 to 7)- coho salmon are documented, and the stream is mapped as gradient accessible to Chinook, Steelhead, pink, and chum salmon.

Puget Sound Chinook and steelhead salmon are federally listed as a Threatened species and steelhead salmon are listed as a Candidate species in Washington State. All of the species listed above are state Priority Species by Washington State.

- **WDFW PHS Map (WDFW, 2021a) (Figure 11)**
  PHS maps indicate Swede Creek is fish bearing with the presence of coho, chum and steelhead salmon, and cutthroat trout (*O. clarki clarki*). Cutthroat are not state or federally listed, but are a Priority species in Washington State. The Swede Creek tributary is also listed as fish bearing, with the presence of coho salmon and cutthroat trout. The northern Samish River tributary is not included in PHS maps.

  No other species or habitats are shown within the site vicinity on PHS maps.

### 3.5.2 Field Observations

Wildlife usage of the subject parcel is expected to be moderate to high due to the rural nature of the site and surrounding area, connection to undisturbed forested areas, and condition of the property. The site contains suitable breeding and foraging habitat for wildlife species that occupy forested areas mixed with wetland habitat including deer, songbirds, and a variety of mammals.

Large woody debris and snags are scattered throughout the property that provide habitat features. Habitat features were mainly smaller diameter material but a number of both logs and snags that meet the WDFW criteria of a Priority habitat feature were noted throughout the site. These were most common in the Swede Creek riparian corridor.

Fish were not directly observed in Swede Creek during the site visit, but they are anticipated to be present due to mapping and condition of the habitat. During the site visits, two fish carcasses were observed on the stream bank. These appeared to be salmonids, but the species could not be identified due to the amount of decay.

Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) activity was observed in Wetland JJ and the very northern edge of Wetland BB. Wetland JJ contains at least three beaver dams. Beavers appear to have been present in this wetland for some time, and chew of various ages was observed along the western wetland edge. Wetland JJ also provides amphibian breeding habitat for a variety of species of frogs and salamanders.

Amphibian breeding habitat is limited for most site wetlands, mainly due to slopes and/or shallow ponding in most areas. However, amphibian breeding habitat appears present in Wetlands JJ, R, U, V, W, CC and smaller pockets within a few other site wetlands (Wetland N, P, T, BB, and MM). Only Pacific chorus frogs (*Pseudacris regilla*) were observed but other species may also be present.

Oregon spotted frog is a native species that can be found in Skagit County. This species is listed as federally Threatened and Endangered by Washington State. Critical habitat is present associated with the Samish River, approximately 700 feet northeast of the review area (USFW, 2021b) (Figure 14, Appendix B).

Oregon spotted frog is a highly aquatic species and are always found associated with a perennial water source. Habitat requirement for the species include "(1) the presence of good breeding and overwintering sites connected by year-round water; (2) reliable water levels that maintain depth throughout the period between oviposition and metamorphosis; and (3) the absence of introduced predators, especially warm-water game fish and bullfrogs" (USFW, 2021c).

The only wetland within the review area that meets this description and contains potential habitat for Oregon spotted frog is Wetland JJ. This wetland also has a downstream connection via seasonal stream to mapped critical habitat associated with the Samish River. The outlet stream was outside of our review area and not observed. No Oregon spotted frogs were observed in Wetland JJ during the site visits. However, our observations were limited to one day in this area, and to limited to observations along one edge of the wetland.

Pileated woodpecker excavations were observed but only in one location of the site, between Wetlands R and T. Pileated woodpecker are a Priority species in Washington State.

Other wildlife or signs of wildlife observed included numerous song birds, coyote (*Canis latrans*) and cougar (*Puma concolor*) have also been reported be occasionally present in the area.

No other listed or Priority species or associated habitats (other than the wetlands and streams) were observed in the vicinity of the review area during the site visit.

## 3.6 Shorelines

The review area is outside of County Shoreline Management Program (SMP) jurisdiction.

### 3.6.1 Document Review

The following provides a summary of the findings contained within documents reviewed:

- **Skagit County SMP (Skagit County, 2021b)**
  The review area is not mapped within SMP jurisdiction.

### 3.6.2 Field Observations

Field observations confirm mapping. Swede Creek is not listed as a Shoreline stream.

## 3.7 Frequently Flooded Areas

No frequently flooded areas are mapped within the review area.

### 3.7.1 Document Review

The following provides a summary of the findings contained within documents reviewed:

- **FEMA Flood Hazard Map (FEMA, 2021)**
  The review area is mapped as an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard.

### 3.7.2 Field Observations

Field observations appear to confirm information provided by resource documents. NES site visits spanned both November 2021 precipitation events which resulted in flooding in many locations throughout Whatcom and Skagit County. During our site visits, water in some wetland areas appeared likely more than typical, but no flooding was observed within the property.

## 4.0 REGULATIONS

Agencies with regulatory authority over site wetlands, streams, fish and wildlife habitats, and shorelines areas are summarized in Tables 3 and 4 below.

**Table 3. Critical Areas Summary- Wetlands**

| Feature | | Regulatory Authority | | | | Corps Hydrology Classification | Regulated Buffer (ft) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | WDOE Category (habitat points) | Skagit County | Corps | WDOE | WDFW | | |
| Wetlands A, B, DD | IV (6) | X | X | X | | Adjacent to RPW | 40 |
| Wetlands C, F | IV (6) | | | X | | Isolated | NA |
| Wetlands D, E, H, K, L, M, BB, EE, KK, LL | III (7) | X | X | X | X | Abutting an RPW | 110 |
| Wetlands G, P | III (6) | X | X | X | | Adjacent to RPW | 110 |
| Wetlands N, U, JJ, MM, NN, PP | II (8) | X | X | X | X | Abutting an RPW | 225 |
| Wetlands R, T, HH | III (7) | X | X | X | | Adjacent to RPW | 110 |
| Wetland J | III (8) | X | X | X | X | Abutting an RPW | 110 |
| Wetlands V, W | III (6) | X | | X | | Isolated | 110 |
| Wetlands X, GG | IV (5) | X | X | X | | Adjacent to RPW | 40 |
| Wetlands Y, Z, AA, FF | IV (5) | | | X | | Isolated | NA |
| Wetland CC | III (5) | X | X | X | | Adjacent to RPW | 110 |

NA = Not anticipated to be regulated by Skagit County

**Table 4. Critical Areas Summary- Streams**

| Feature | | Regulatory Authority | | | | Corps Hydrology Classification | Regulated Buffer (ft) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Stream Type | Skagit County | Corps | WDOE | WDFW | | |
| Swede Creek | F | X | X | X | X | RPW | 150 |
| Streams 1-18, 20-22 | Ns | X | X | X | X | RPW | 50 |

F= Fish Bearing

## 4.1 Skagit County

The review area contains the following wetlands, streams, and/or HCAs under the jurisdiction of the Skagit County CAO:

- Wetlands A, B, D, E, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, R, T, U, V, W, X, BB, CC, DD, EE, GG, HH, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN, and PP
- Swede Creek
- Streams 1-18 and 20-22

Skagit County regulates all wetlands, with the exception of Category III and IV wetlands smaller than 1,000 sq. ft. that do not provide suitably significant or unique characteristics as defined by the CAO (SCC 14.24.230(6)(a)). Under the 2014 Wetland Rating System, Wetlands C, F, Y, Z, AA, and FF are Category IV or III wetlands with five or six habitat points, and appear to be smaller than 1,000 sq. ft. These wetlands appear to meet the criteria listed in SCC 14.24.230(6)(a), therefore, **Skagit County does not appear to regulate Wetlands C, F, Y, Z, AA, and FF.** Other wetlands (G, K, L, MM, and PP) also meet the category and size threshold but contain unique characteristics listed in SCC 143.230(6)(a), such as location in a riparian corridor, and are therefore anticipated to be regulated by the County.

Skagit County Code states that Category III and IV wetlands between 1,000 and 4,000 sq. ft. to be exempt from the mitigation sequencing requirement to avoid impacts, provided that they meet the criteria listed in SCC 14.24.230(6)(a), and that project impacts are fully mitigated. **Wetlands A, B, V, and GG appear to be less than 4,000 sq. ft. and therefore exempt from the mitigation sequencing requirement of avoidance.**

Skagit County requires a buffer around regulated critical areas to protect functions. The buffer must remain naturally vegetated except where it can be enhanced to improve functions. Buffer widths vary depending on wetland Category, wildlife habitat score, and proposed land use impact. Forestry is considered a low intensity land use under SCC 14.24.230 but commercial use is considered high.

Section 5.2.2 of the GBA report (GBA 2015) describes their approach to the proposed land use intensity impact and argues that a moderate land use intensity should apply to the proposed gravel mine rather than a high land use impact. Their logic appears sound, was originally

approved by Skagit County. Land use impact associated with the haul road is also likely to be less than that of the mine site itself, as the road is pre-existing.

Skagit County issued a forest practice conversation permit and SEPA determination for the project, based on the moderate intensity land use, but this has been withdrawn. Based on the past determination the buffers stated in this report are those for a moderate intensity land use impact. If a high intensity land use impact is applied buffers will be larger.

The remaining wetlands (Wetlands D, E, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, T, Y, U, W, X, BB, CC, DD, EE, HH, JJ, KK, LL, and MM) are greater than 4,000 sq. ft. or provide suitably significant or unique characteristics as defined by the CAO [SCC 14.24.230[6)(a)]. **Buffers according to SCC 14.24.230(1)(b) using a combination of standard or optional wetland buffers, with a moderate land use impact are shown in Table 3**.

Skagit County requires a fish and wildlife HCA site assessment for any project within 200 feet of streams and rivers (SCC 14.24.520). Riparian buffers associated with site rivers and streams are based on DNR water type, according to SCC 14.24.530(1)(c). DNR mapping within this site only includes Swede Creek. The smaller streams are not mapped but meet the criteria of seasonal, non-fish bearing streams and are anticipated to be regulated by the County as such. **Buffers anticipated for streams within this site are shown in Table 4.** Seeps in the bank of Swede Creek are not listed in Table 4. The County may also regulate these features, potentially as seasonal, non-fish bearing streams. If so a 50-foot buffer would apply.

Skagit County requires that buildings and other structures are **setback a minimum of 15 feet from the edge of critical area buffers to allow for a maintenance corridor**, or from the critical areas where no buffer is required (SCC 14.24.080[4]). Uses allowed within the 15-foot maintenance corridor include: landscaping with non-invasive species; uncovered decks; building overhangs up to 18 inches; impervious surfaces such as driveways and patios, provided that they may be subject to special drainage provisions; and trails.

## 4.2 Washington State Department of Ecology

**WDOE has authority over discharge into all wetlands (including isolated wetlands) and streams** and can impose buffers and compensatory mitigation for impacts (RCW 90.48).

Under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), any activity involving a discharge into waters of the U.S. authorized under a Federal permit must receive a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC). WDOE is authorized to make WQC decisions on federal, public and privates lands in Washington, with a few exceptions (where EPA or Tribes have authority). WDOE reviews all CWA Section 404 permit applications received by the Corps for WQC. WDOE requires an "individual" review of all wetland disturbances greater than one-half acre, or for projects in tidal waters or where impacts to wetlands and streams are determined to require additional review.

## 4.3 Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

The WDFW requires issuance of a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) prior to any activities that may directly or indirectly affect streams or associated wetlands. **The WDFW is expected to have jurisdiction if any work is proposed below the OHWM of Swede Creek, and potentially all site tributaries, and wetlands (D, E, H, J, K, L, M, BB, EE, KK, and LL) directly associated with site streams.** Mitigation may be required for impacts. Only WDFW has the authority to make this determination.

## 4.4 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Corps regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands, streams, and other drainages that connect to Waters of the United States (WOTUS) under Section 404 of the CWA. The Corps regulates structures and/or work in or affecting the course, condition, or capacity of WOTUS under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The Corps requires pre-construction notification for **all** disturbances to wetlands, streams, and potentially to other drainages (ditches/ tributaries) prior to commencing any work. It is incumbent upon the landowner to disclose disturbances.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Corps have published a final rule defining the scope of waters federally regulated under the Clean Water Act. The Corps hydrologic classification is based on whether a surface water meets the definition of or is connected to a waterbody that meets the definition of a Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) or a Relatively Permanent Water (RPW). A TNW is a navigable water protected under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 or other waters currently or historically used or susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce. An RPW is a surface stream or river that exhibits continuous flow of more than three months out of the year.

The Corps will automatically assert jurisdiction over some surface waters and will need to complete a "significant nexus" determination for others, depending on the degree of connection to other waters and the hydrologic classification of these associated waters.

Wetland hydrologic classification and connectivity is described in this report as the "Corps hydrologic classification" in the above table using definitions provided in current Corps guidance documents.

**Only the Corps has the authority to make jurisdictional determinations; however, the following is a description of the anticipated determinations**. Site tributaries flow to Swede Creek or the Samish River. Both creeks and associated tributaries are considered RPWs, and all flow eventually to Samish Bay (a TNW). Wetlands D, E, H, J, K, L, M, N, U, BB, EE, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN, and PP appear to be *abutting* RPWs are likely to be regulated by the Corps. Wetlands A, B, G, P, R, T, X, CC, DD, GG, and HH appear to be *adjacent* to RPWs and are also likely to be regulated by the Corps. Wetlands C, F, V, W, Y, Z, AA, and FF appear isolated and are not anticipated to be regulated. **A Corps Jurisdictional Determination (JD) would be needed to confirm.**

Activities in Waters of the United States that require Corps authorization may qualify for authorization under one of the general Nationwide Permits (NWPs) if the activities meet the criteria. In the more commonly used NWPs, discharge (fill) is limited to under 1/2 acre of wetland, 300 linear feet of stream, and 1/3 acre of tidal waters. Discharge exceeding the NWP thresholds requires an Individual Permit from the Corps. Mitigation is required for most activities. The Corps also has discretion to disallow disturbance to high quality wetlands. As part of their permit review, the Corps must verify the project complies with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, (including archeological sites).

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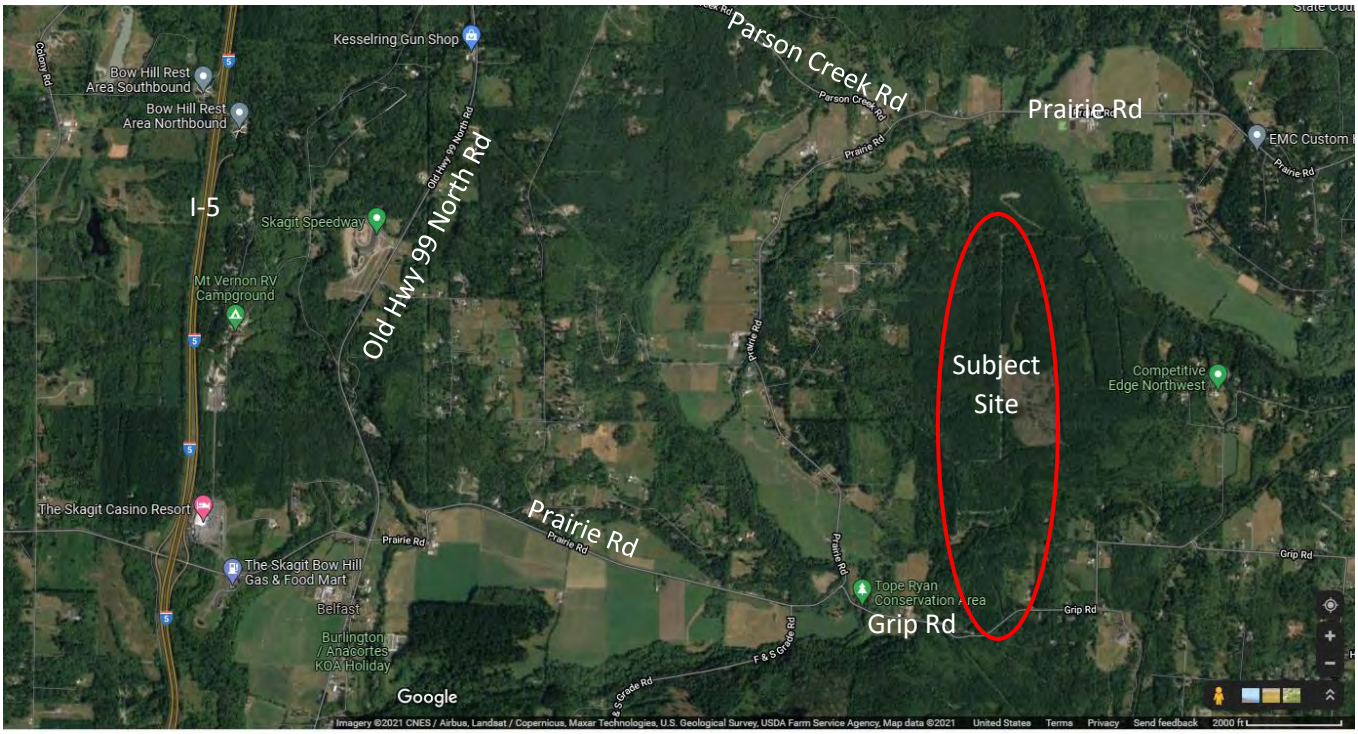
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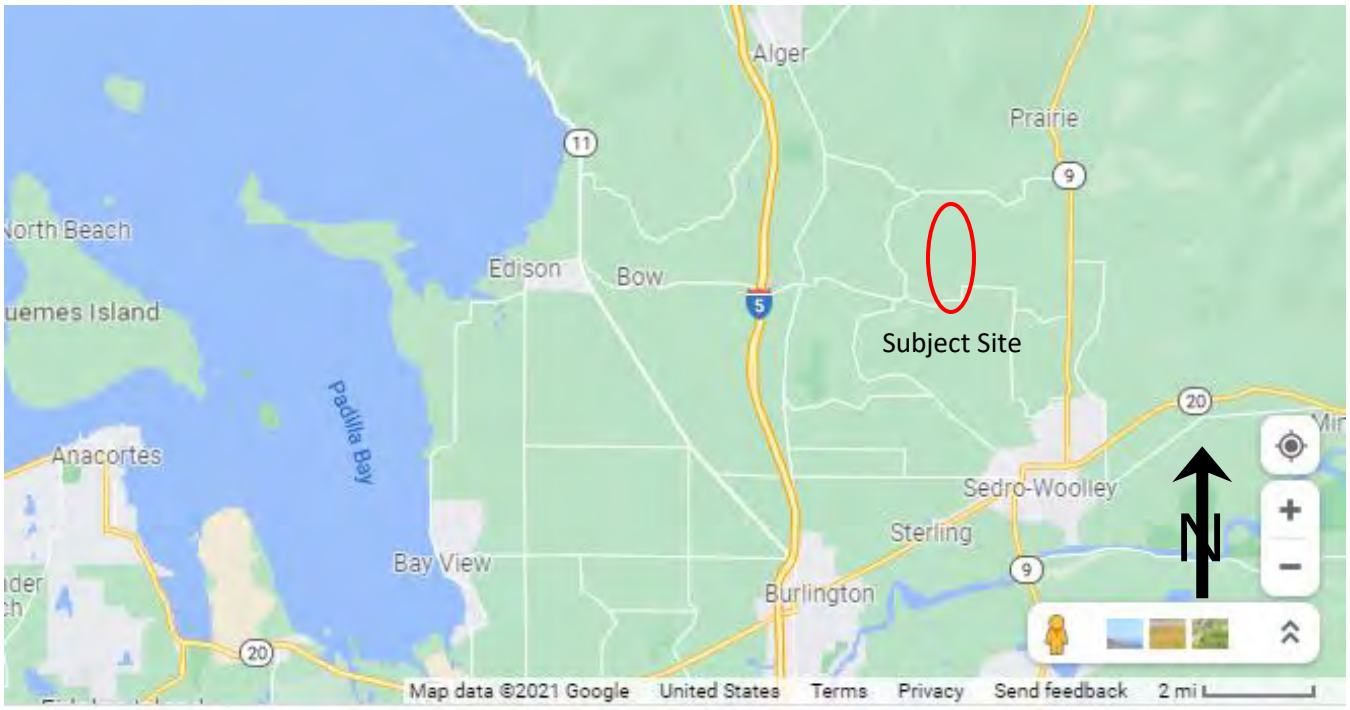
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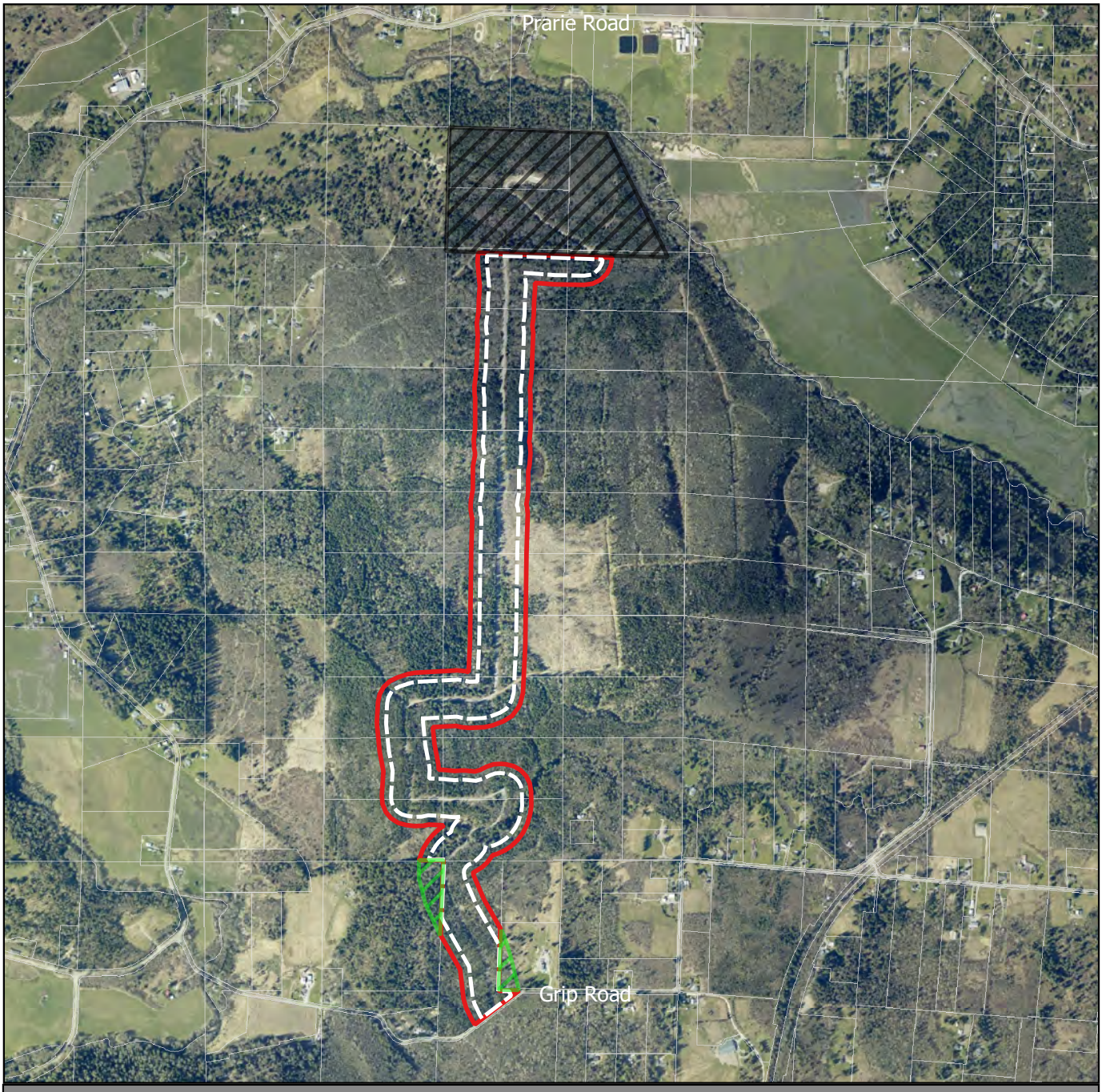
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# APPENDIX B: FIGURES




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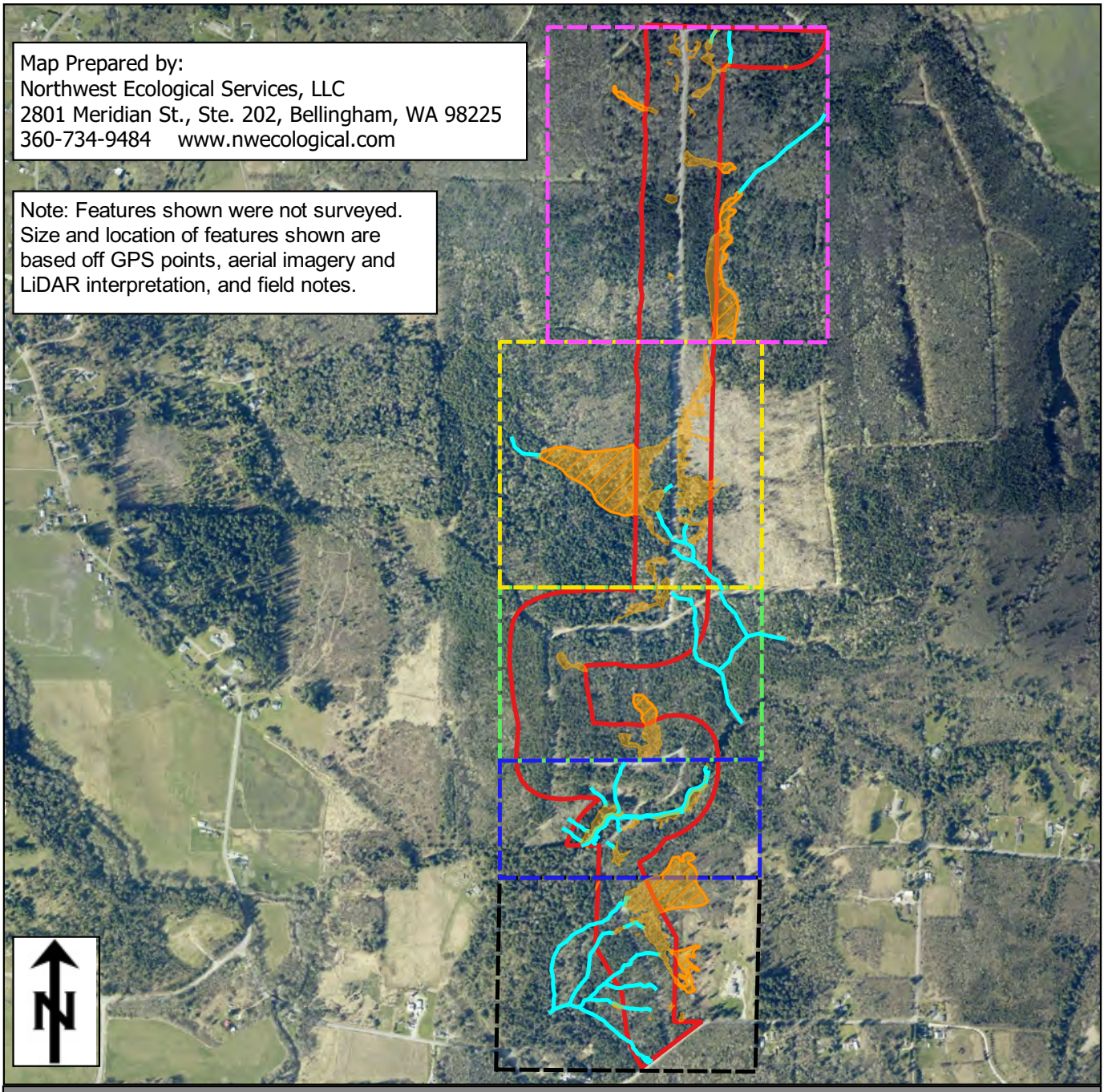

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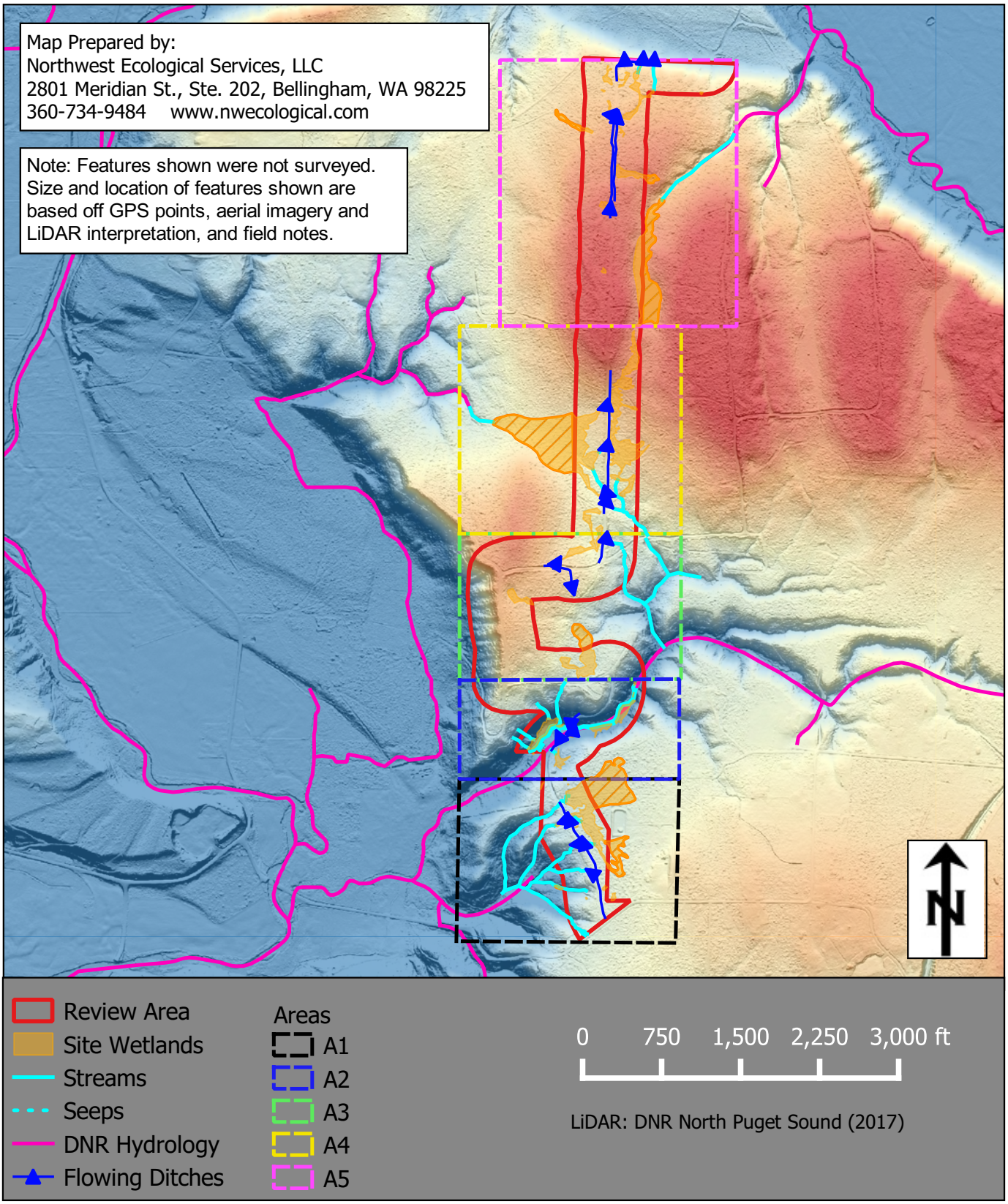
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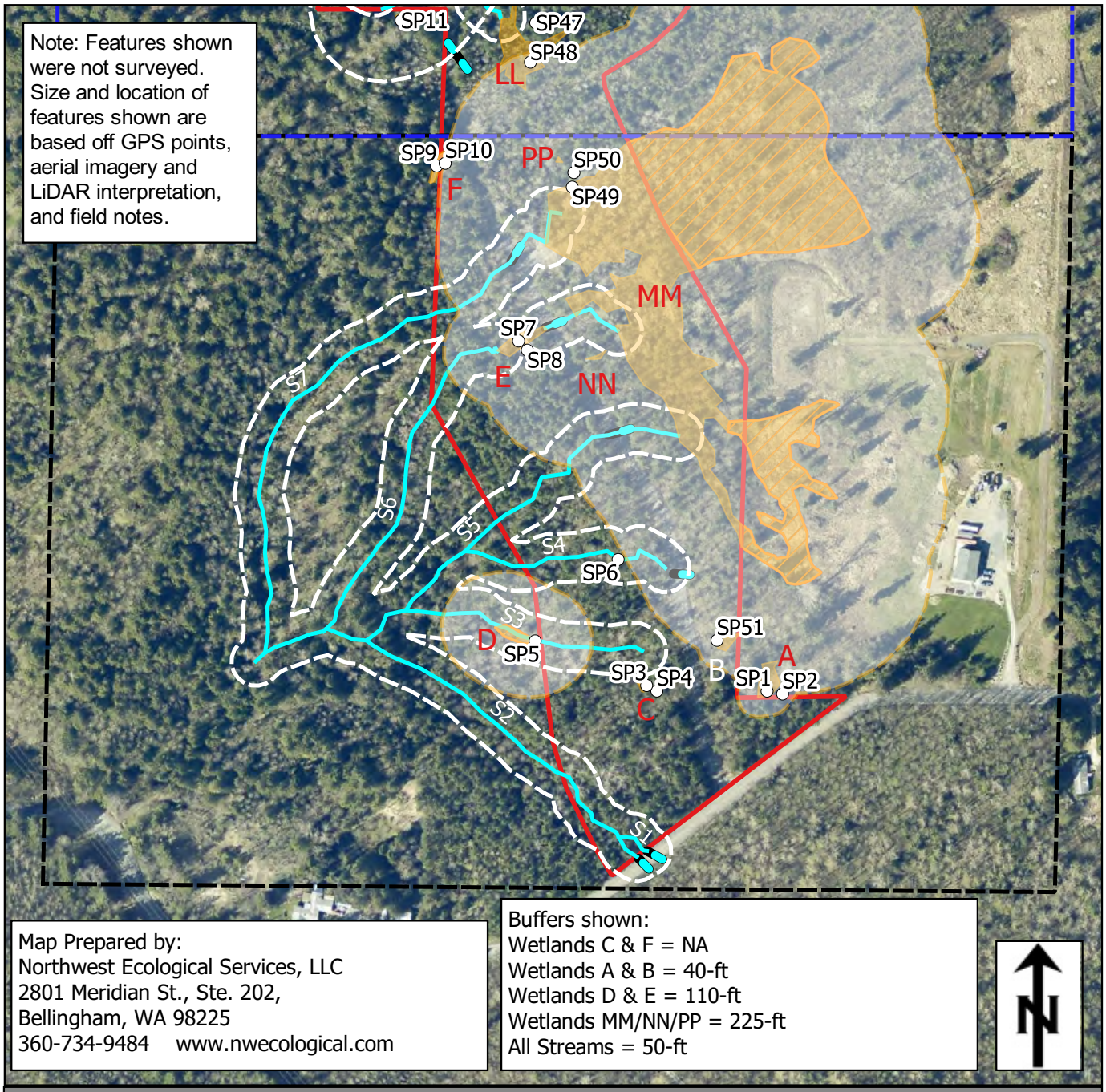
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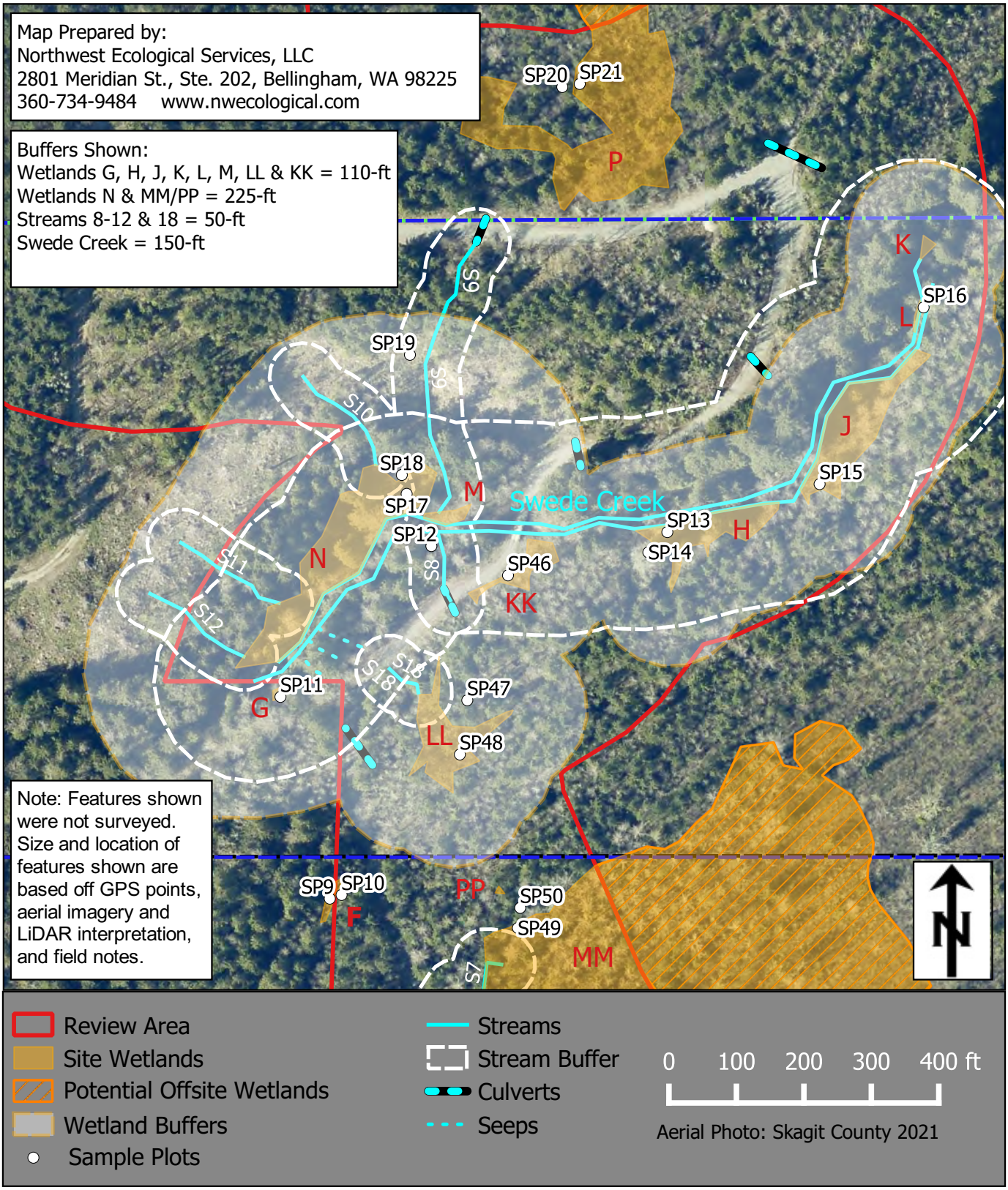

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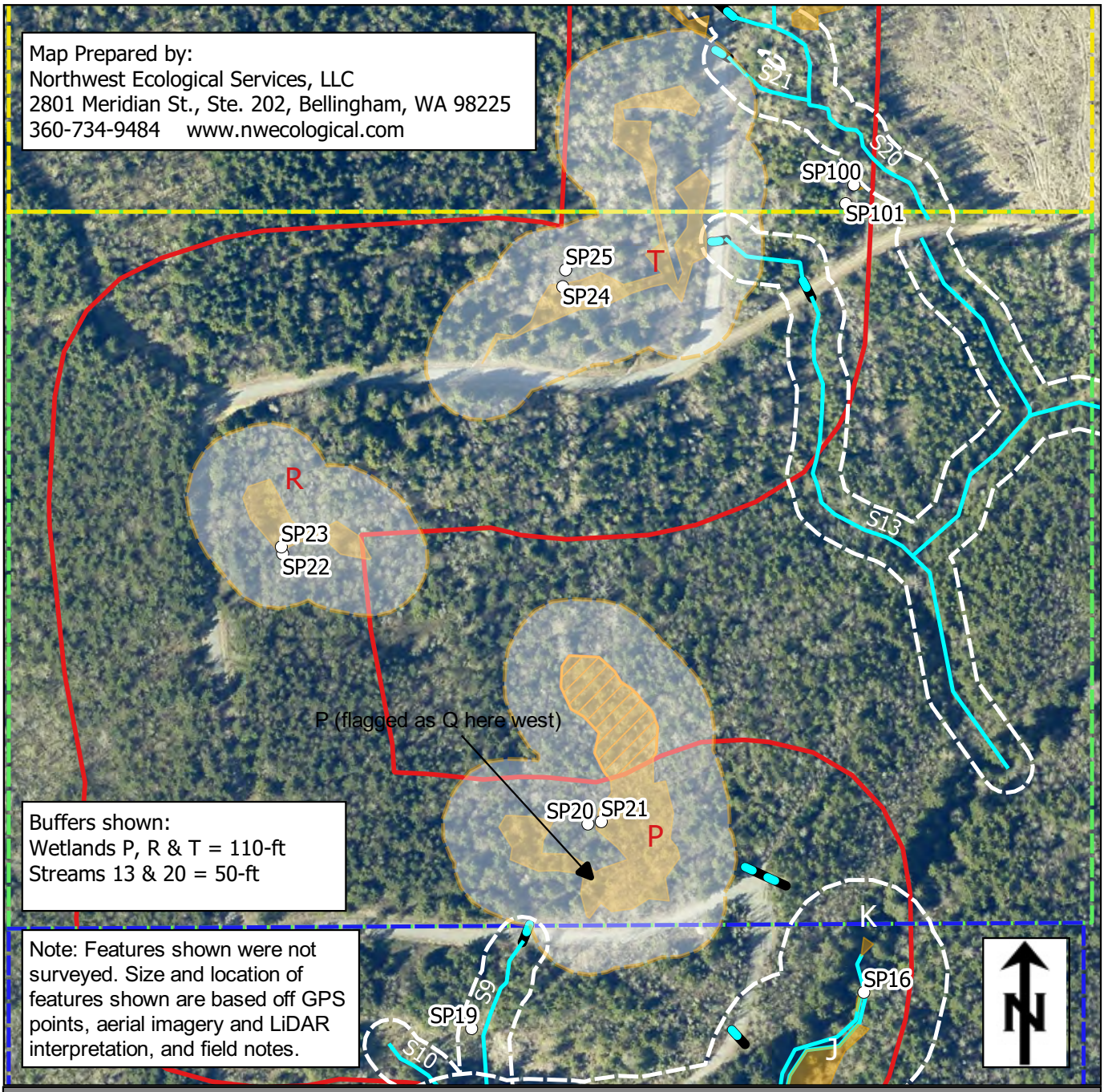

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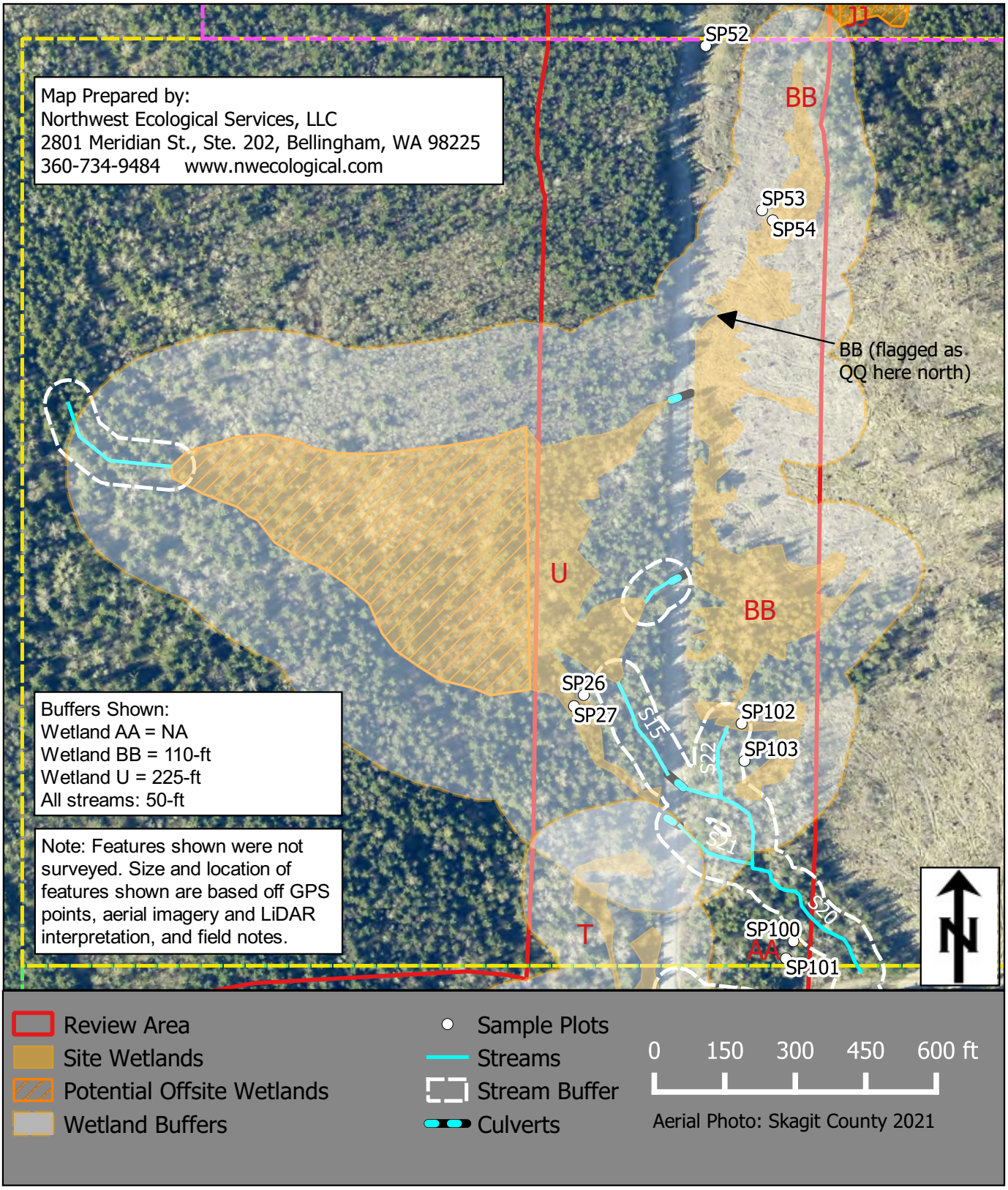

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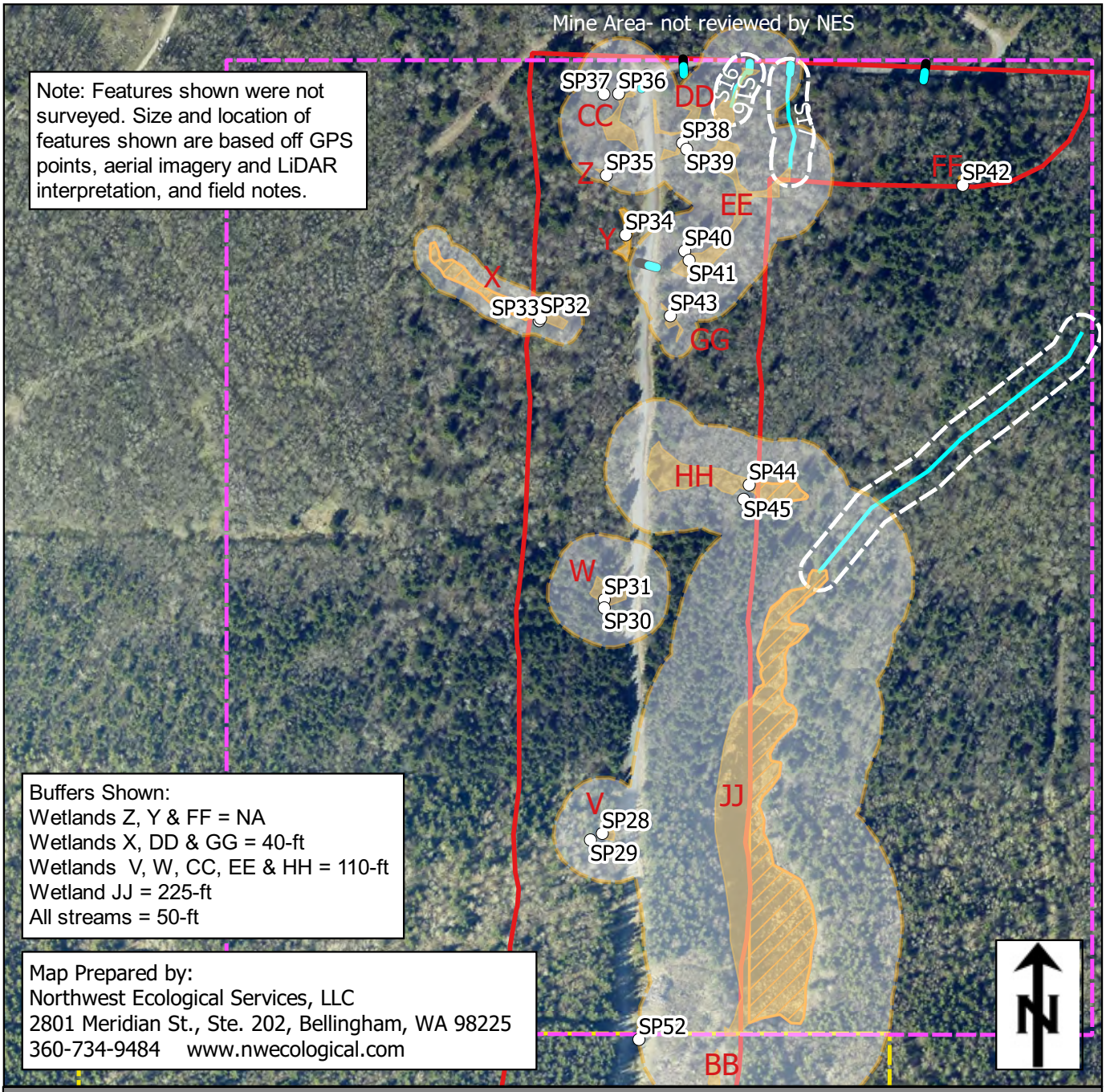

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| Ecological Northwest | **Wetland /Stream Detail Map (Area 2- Swede Creek Vicinity)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine Critical Areas Assessment** | **Figure 6**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |



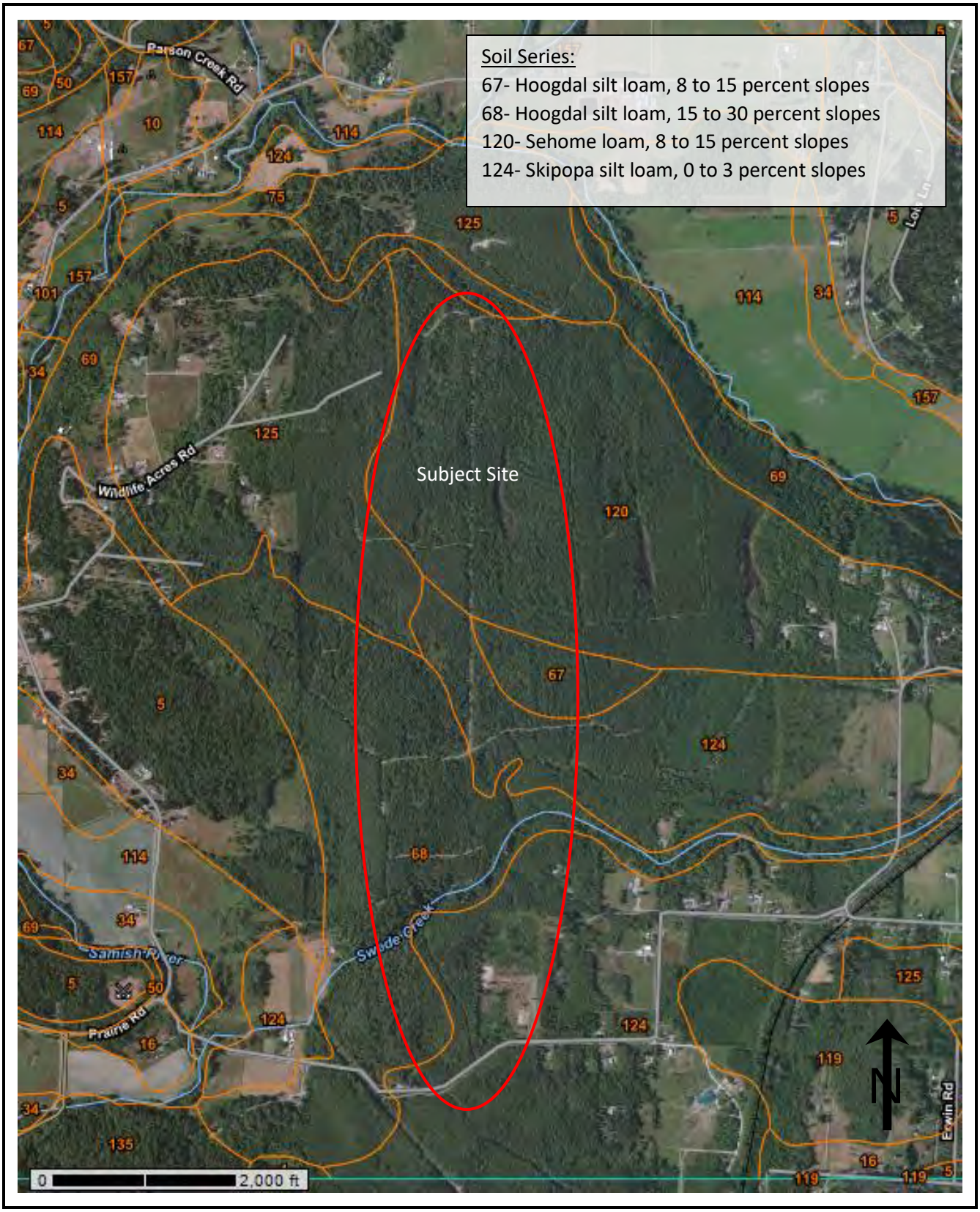

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| Ecological Northwest | **Wetland/ Stream Detail Map (Area 3- curve north of Swede Ck)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine Critical Areas Assessment** | **Figure 7**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |



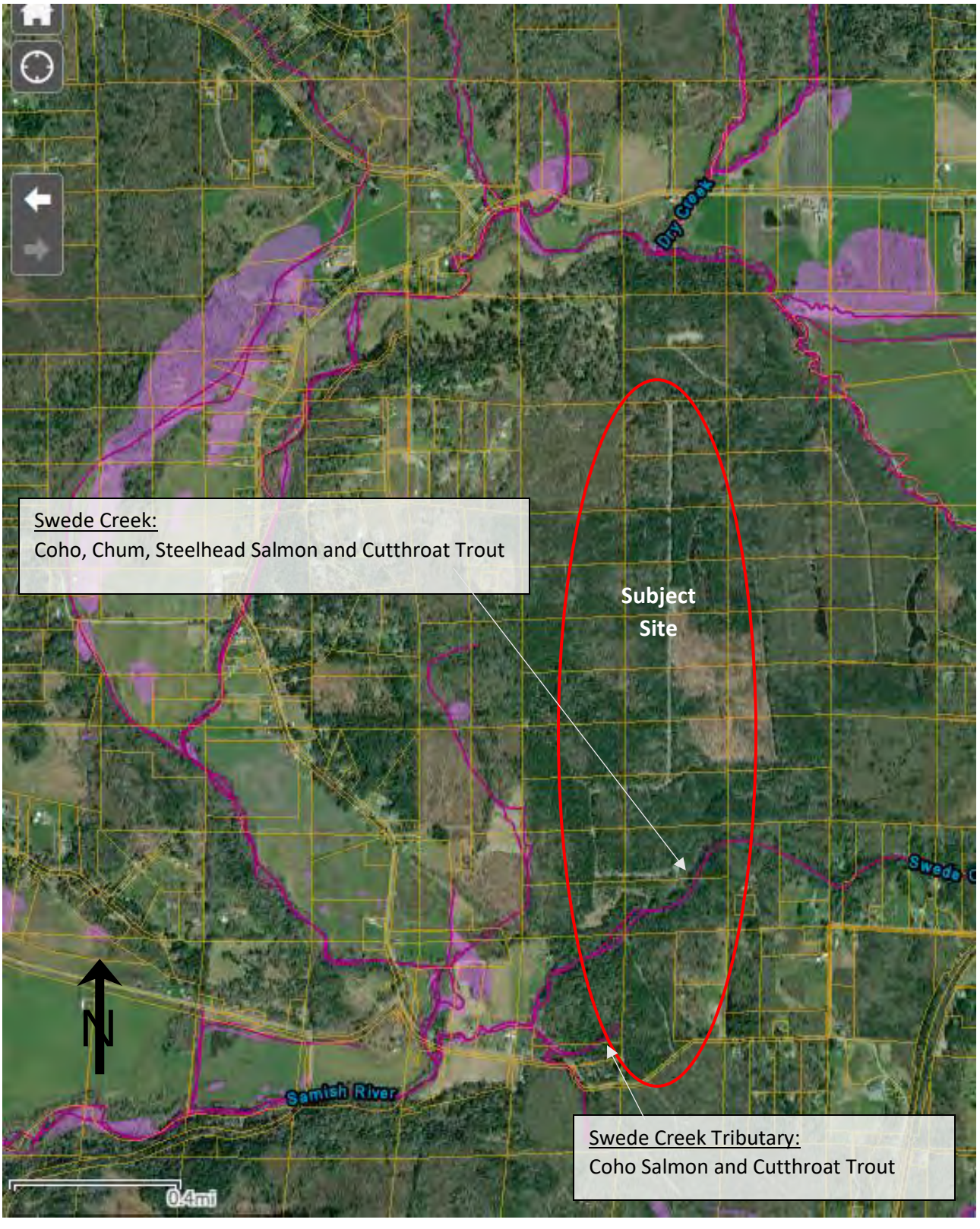

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| Ecological Northwest | **Wetland/ Stream Detail Map (Area 4)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine Critical Areas Assessment** | **Figure 8**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |



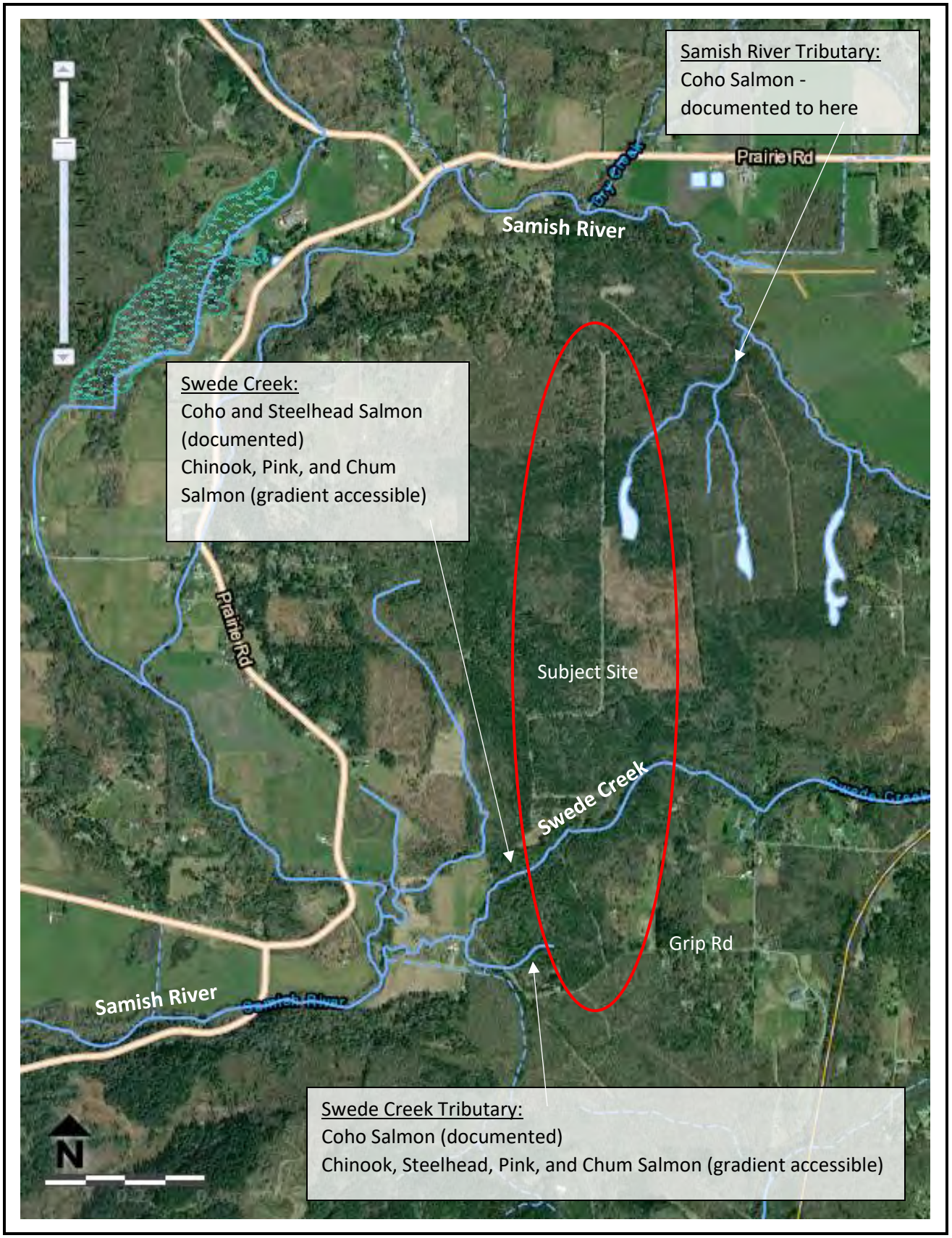

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| Ecological Northwest | **Wetland/ Stream Detail Map (Area 5- north)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine**<br>**Critical Areas Assessment** | **Figure 9**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |



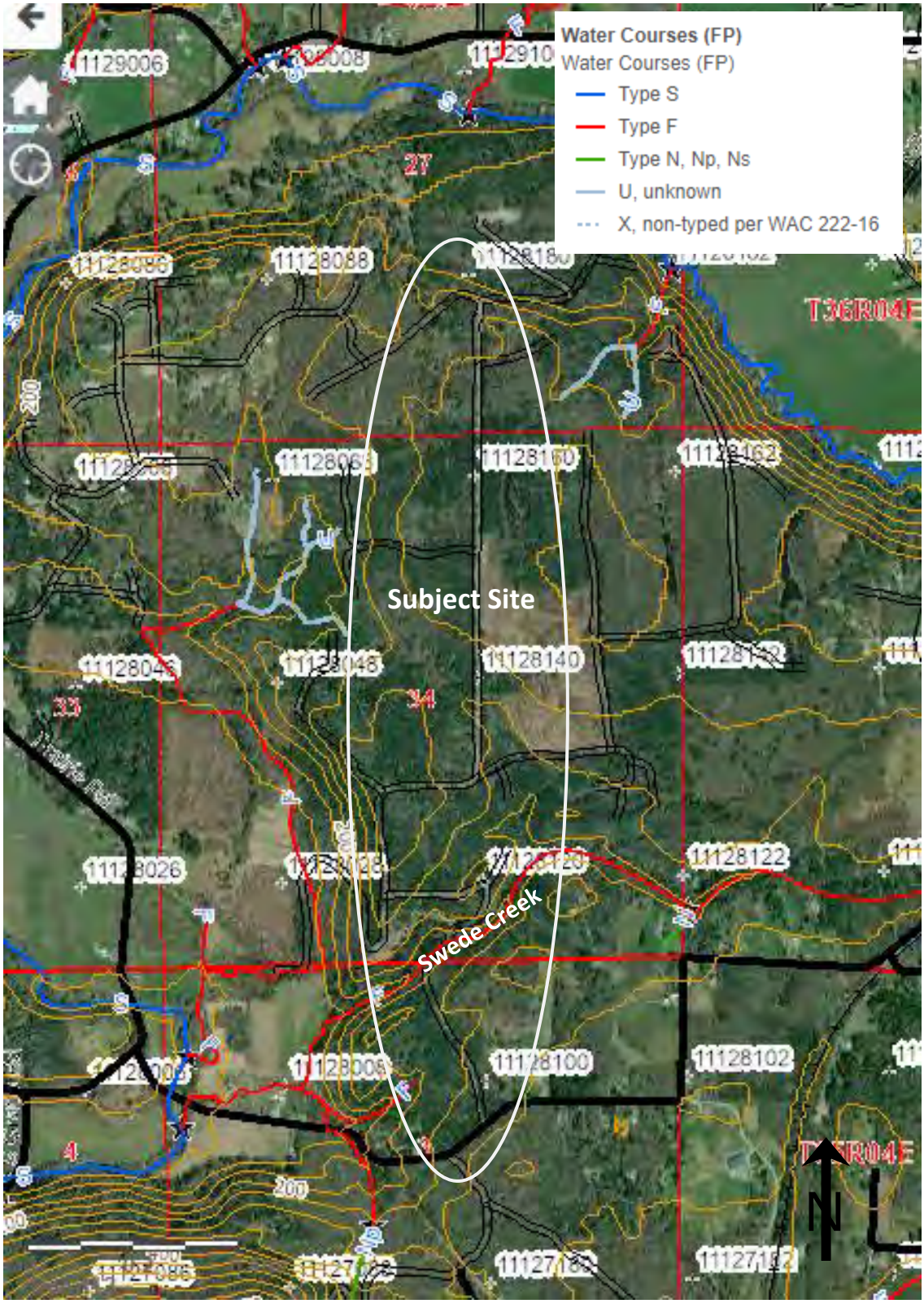

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| ECOLOGICAL NORTHWEST | **Soil Map**<br>**(USDA, NRCS)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine**<br>**Critical Area Assessment** | **Figure 10**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |



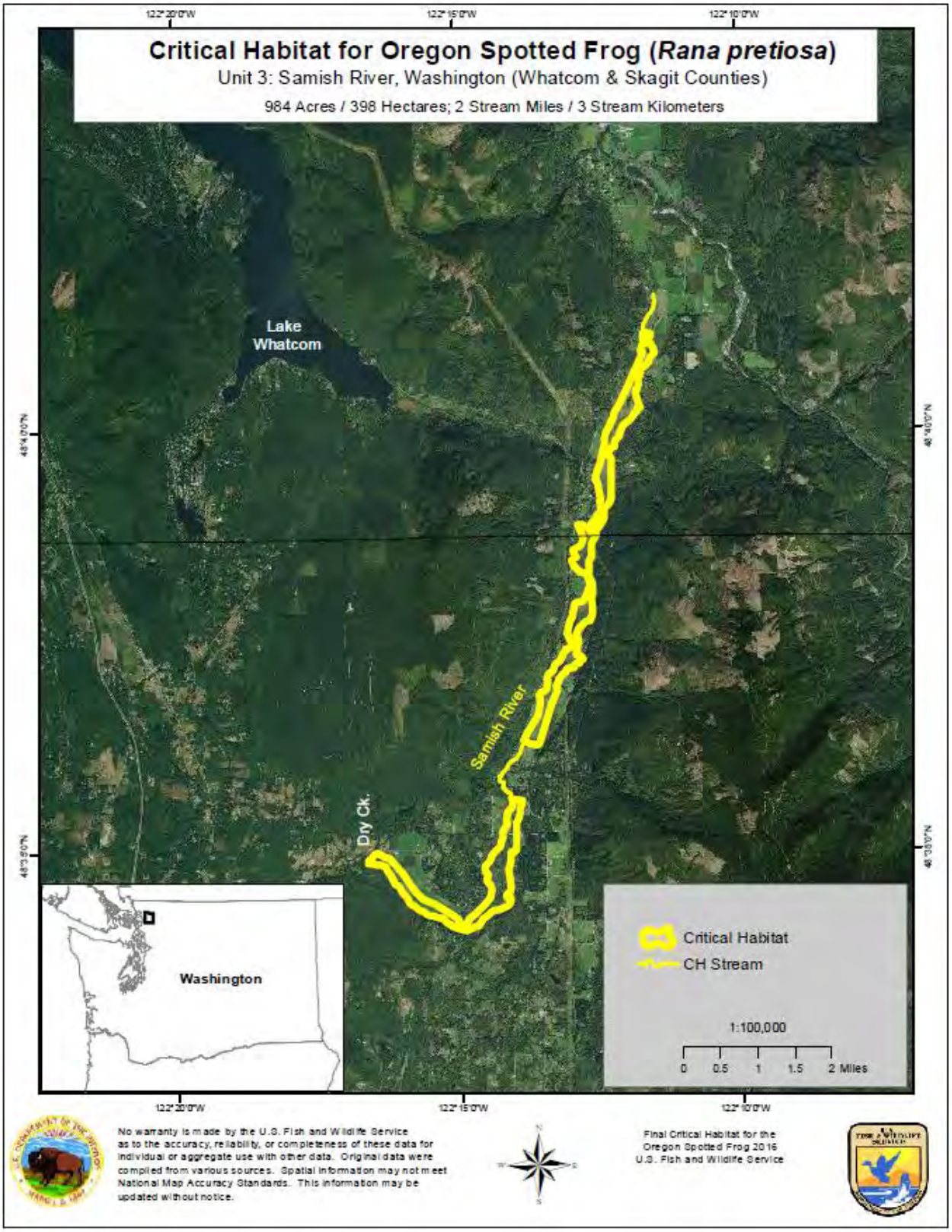

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| ECOLOGICAL NORTHWEST | **PHS Map**<br>**(WDFW PHS Maps)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine**<br>**Critical Area Assessment** | **Figure 11**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |




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|---|---|---|
| ECOLOGICAL NORTHWEST | **WDFW Stream Map**<br>**(WDFW SalmonScape)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine**<br>**Critical Area Assessment** | **Figure 12**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |




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|---|---|---|
| ECOLOGICAL NORTHWEST | **DNR Stream Map (DNR)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine**<br>**Critical Area Assessment** | **Figure 13**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |




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|---|---|---|
| ECOLOGICAL NORTHWEST | **Oregon Spotted Frog Critical Habitat Map (USFW)**<br><br>**Grip Road Gravel Mine Critical Area Assessment** | **Figure 14**<br><br>**DEC 2021** |

# APPENDIX C: PHOTOGRAPHS



Wetland A, view facing north



Upland adjacent to Wetland A



Wetland B (SP51)



Wetland C



Wetland D



Wetland E



Wetland F



Upland area adjacent to wetland F (SP10)



Wetland G (SP11)



Wetland H eastern portion



Wetland H Western Portion



Wetland J western portion (SP15)



Wetland K



Wetland L



Wetland M



Upland between Wetlands M and N



Eastern portion of Wetland N (SP17)



Southern portion of Wetland P



Wetland P northern portion



Western portion of Wetland P (flagged as Q)



Upland forest adjacent to Wetland R



Wetland R western portion



Wetland T from the road



Western portion of Wetland T



Southeastern portion of Wetland U



Western portion of Wetland U



Eastern portion of Wetland U near Stream 14



Wetland V



Wetland W by the road



Western portion of Wetland W



Upland adjacent to Wetland W



Wetland X



Wetland Y



Wetland Z



Wetland AA



Wetland AA



Wetland BB southern portion



Wetland BB and buffer eastern portion



Wetland BB western portion



Upland forest adjacent to Wetland DD



Wetland DD (at SP38)



Wetland EE



Upland forest near Wetland FF



Wetland FF



Eastern portion of Wetland HH



Northern portion of Wetland JJ



Wetland JJ- mid wetland



Beaver chew in Wetland JJ buffer



Wetland KK



Ditch between road and Wetland KK



Upland forest above (south of) Wetland KK



Wetland LL



Northwestern portion of Wetland MM



Southeastern portion of Wetland MM



Upland north of Wetland MM (at SP50)



Wetland NN



Wetland PP



Forested north portion of Wetland BB
(flagged as QQ)



Northern portion of Wetland BB
(flagged as QQ)



Typical upland,
west of the road, west of Wetland R



Stream 1



Stream 2



Stream 3



Stream 4



Stream 5



Stream 6



Eastern portion of Stream 6



Stream 7



Eastern portion of Stream 7



Lower portion of Stream 9



Upper portion of Stream 9



Stream 13 south of the road



Stream 14



Stream 15



Outlet of Stream 16 to ditch



Stream 17



Stream 18



Stream 20



Stream 21



Swede Creek detail



Swede Creek detail



Swede Creek detail



Detail of SP 52- upland fill pile



Detail at SP 19- old logging road



Bridge over Swede Creek



Bridge over Swede Creek



Haul road typical detail- mid-site



Haul road- northern edge of review area



LWD near Swede Creek



Stumps from past logging

# APPENDIX D: DATA SHEETS

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP1 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland A. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus armeniacus* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 60 | 5 | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 5<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP1**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 10YR 2/1 | 95 | 10YR 3/3 | 5 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 8-16 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 80 | 10YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | silty clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): -**4**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): -**2** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP2 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland A. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Fraungula purshiana* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 45 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 50 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 5 | FACU | ☐ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Maianthemum dilatatum* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 65 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 40 | 0 | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 80<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP2**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-9 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 9-20 | 10YR 4/3 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP3 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland C. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Eqiusetum arvense* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP3**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 2.5Y 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loamy clay | |
| 7-20 | 5Y 4/1 | 80 | 7.5YR 3/4 | 20 | - | - | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): -**7** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP4 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland C. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 35 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 2 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 67 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 50 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: 70 | x 3= 210 |
| FACU species: 100 | x 4= 400 |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: 170 (A) | 610 (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP4**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-9 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 9-20 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 70 | 10YR 4/6 | 30 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP5 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland D. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lonicera involucrata* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 50 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 5<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP5**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-11 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 11-20 | 2.5Y 5/1 | 65 | 10YR 4/6 | 35 | C | M | loamy clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **-15**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **-11** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location. Water table likely to be higher later in the wet season.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP6 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Sample plot in Stream 4. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 5 | FACU | ☐ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 5 | FAC | |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 2 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 42 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 98 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 66<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP6**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| 7-11 | 10YR 5/3 | 100 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| 11-16 | 2.5Y 5/3 | 70 | 2.5Y 6/2 | 30 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0-7 (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Hydrology indicators were observed at this location. Hydrology remained similar during later site visit (12/2), flagged area as Stream 4.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP7 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland E. Positive indicators for vegetation and hydrology present. Soils were reduced with concentrations at -12 inches but soil does not meet hydric indicators. Wetland determination made based on hydrology and best professional judgement. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 50 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Lonicera involucrata* | 50 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 70 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 80<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP7**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-12 | 10YR 4/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 12-16 | 10YR 3/1 | 90 | 10YR 3/4 | 10 | C | M | clay silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/02/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP8 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland E. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectaibilis* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 35 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 20 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 40 | 0 | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP8**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| 7-11 | 10YR 5/3 | 100 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| 11-16 | 2.5Y 5/3 | 70 | 2.5Y 6/2 | 30 | D | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP9 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland F. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 35 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 45 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lonicera involucrata* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 55 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 70 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Glyceria sp.* | 30 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Equisetum telmateia* | 5 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 145 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 25 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 5<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 83<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP9**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-6 | 5Y 5/1 | 85 | 2.5Y 4/3 | 15 | C | M | clay | |
| 6-20 | 2.5Y 3/2 | 40 | 5Y 5/1 | 60 | RM | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: Clay

Depth (inches): 6

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): surface to -**6** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes** ☒ **No** ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP10 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland F. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| **Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Thuja plicata* | 75 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Equisetum arvense* | 1 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 71 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus laciniatus* | 5 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 5 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 30 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP10**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-11 | 10YR 3/4 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 11-20 | 2.5Y 5/3 | 95 | 2.5Y 4/4 | 5 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP11 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland G. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectablis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 40 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP11**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-16 | 2.5Y 5/1 | 60 | 10YR 4/6 | 40 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **-4** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP12 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Sample plot south of Stream 8. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Thuja plicata* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 2 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 32 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ranunculus repens* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Glyceria sp.* | 5 | FACW | ☐ |
| *Lysichiton americanus* | 2 | OBL | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 62 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 50 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 6<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP12**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silty clay loam | |
| 7-20 | 10YR 4/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP13 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland H. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 80 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Oplopanax horridus* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 85 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 75 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Equisetum telmateia* | 10 | FACW | ☐ |
| *Lysichiton americanus* | 5 | OBL | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 120 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 25 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP13**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-6 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 6-10 | 2.5Y 4/1 | 85 | 10YR 3/4 | 15 | C | M | loamy sand | |
| 10-20 | 5Y 5/1 | 95 | 2.5Y 4/3 | 5 | C | M | silty clay loam | sand and gravel present |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **-10**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP14 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland H. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Thuja plicata* | 80 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 10 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Equisetum arvense* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 95 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 80<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP14**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 2.5Y 4/3 | 75 | 10YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | clay loam | |
| | 2.5Y 5/1 | 5 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| 7-13 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silty clay loam | |
| 13-20 | 5Y 5/1 | 70 | 10YR 4/6 | 30 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 13

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/08/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP15 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland J. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 75 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lonicera involucrata* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 80 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lysichiton americanus* | 15 | OBL | ☐ |
| *Equisetum telmateia* | 5 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 140 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 10 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 5<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP15**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-9 | 2.5Y 3/2 | 95 | 10YR 3/3 | 5 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 9-20 | 2.5Y 4/1 | 98 | 2.5Y 3/4 | 2 | C | M | loam | with gravel |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+1**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/10/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP16 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland L. Positive indicators for hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology were present. Soil do not meet hydric indicators. Wetland on bench adjacent to Swede Creek. Determinatoin made based on hydrology and best professional judgement. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 70 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 100 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 75 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lysichiton americanus* | 5 | OBL | ☐ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 2 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 82 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 20 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP16**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 2.5Y 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-16 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | gravel present |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☒ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): -**5** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/10/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP17 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland N. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Betula papyrifera* | 2 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 2 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 100 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Lysichiton americanus* | 15 | OBL | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Equisetum telmateia* | 2 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 32 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 6<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP17**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-10 | 2.5Y 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silty clay loam | |
| 10-20 | 2.5Y 4/1 | 85 | 10YR 3/4 | 15 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 10

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): surface to -10 (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/10/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP18 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland N. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Thuja plicata* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tsuga heterophylla* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 20 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 15 | FACU | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 100 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 60 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Pteridium aquilinum* | 5 | FACU | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 65 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 1<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 25<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP18**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-9 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 9-15 | 10YR 3/6 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 15-20 | 10YR 4/3 | 98 | 10YR 3/4 | 2 | C | M | clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/10/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP19 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Sample plot was located on an old logging road. Soil was disturbed. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location- this area is not anticipated to contain consistent hydrology. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 1 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus parviflorus* | 1 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Buddleja davidii* | 1 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 3 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Glyceria sp.* | 80 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Veronica americana* | 30 | OBL | ☒ |
| *Schedonorus arundinaceus* | 15 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Ranunculus repens* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Juncus effusus* | 10 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 145 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 0 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 60<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP19**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-20 | 2.5Y 6/2 | 80 | 10YR 4/6 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators. No topsoil is present. Soils disturbed due to past logging activity.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-2** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Surface saturation was observed but depth was not sufficient to meet wetland hydrology indicators. Saturation likely due to slow infiltration in clay soil after precipitation. Saturation is on surface only and is not likely persistent.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/10/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP20 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland P. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. P | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 10 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 5 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 7<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 57<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP20**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-3 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 3-6 | 10YR 4/3 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 6-11 | 10YR 4/4 | 100 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| 11-16 | 10YR 5/4 | 60 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 40 | D | M | clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/10/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP21 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland P. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii (on edge)* | 20 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 35 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Carex obnupta* | 70 | OBL | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 30 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 75<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP21**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-3 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 3-16 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 80 | 10YR 5/6 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| 3-7 | | | 7.5YR 4/4 | 5 | C | M | | concentrations at depth of 3-7 only |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+1**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/11/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP22 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland R.Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| **Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 5 | FACU | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 85 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 35 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 10 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 75<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

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|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP22**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-5 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 5-16 | 10YR 3/3 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/11/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP23 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |
| Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland R. Positive indicators for vegetation and wetland hydrology were present. Soil very close to meeting hydric indicators A12- see notes. Determination made based on hydrology and best professsional judgement. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula payrifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Lysichiton americanus* | 10 | OBL | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP23**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-9 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 9-15 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | gravel and sand present |
| 15-20 | 2.5Y 5/1 | 75 | 10YR 4/6 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | 10YR 3/6 | 5 | C | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 15

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location is very close to meeting the Thick Dark Surface (A12) hydric soil indicator. Lacked topsoil depth to meet this indicator but the surface color was reduced and the subsoil was depleted with concentrations.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): +1

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-15**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-15** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location. Water appears perched above dense subsoil.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/11/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP24 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland T. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Spiraea douglasii* | 25 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 5 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 5 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 95 | 0 | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 75<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP24**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 4-7 | 2.5Y 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 7-20 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 80 | 10YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 7

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+1**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-7**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-7** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/11/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP25 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Hoogdal silt loam 15-30% slopes (#68) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland T.Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Betula papyrifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 55 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 45 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Spiraea douglasii* | 15 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 65 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 60<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP25**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 7-16 | 10YR 4/3 | 100 | | | - | - | silty clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/17/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP26 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland U. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus laciniatus* | 2 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 2 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 75 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 7<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 58<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP26**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-3 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 3-10 | 10YR 3/4 | 75 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 3-10 | 10YR 4/3 | 25 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 10-16 | 10YR 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/17/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP27 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland U. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 35 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lonicera involucrata* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 45 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 80<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP27**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-3 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 3-9 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silty clay loam | |
| 9-16 | 2.5 5/2 | 75 | 10YR 5/4 | 25 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 9

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+2**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/17/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: 100 |
| Investigator: C. Van Slyke, C. Trusty | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland AA. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 5 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 95 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 1<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 1<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 1<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: This area largely unvegetated. The one species observed in this area was hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: 100**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 4/2 | 90 | 10YR 4/4 | 10 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 7-16 | Gley 1 5/10GY | 80 | 10YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (A2)
- ☐ Black Histic (A3)
- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
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- ☐ 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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 7

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-7**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-7** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/17/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP101 |
| Investigator: C. Van Slyke, C. Trusty | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland AA .Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 15 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 75 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP101**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 7.5YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-14 | 7.5YR 4/4 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 14-17 | 2.5Y 6/4 | 100 | | | - | - | clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/17/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP102 |
| Investigator: C. Van Slyke, C. Trusty | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland BB. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Populus balsamifera (sapling)* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Frangula purshiana (sapling)* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 85 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Phalaris arundinacea* | 15 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Maianthemum dilatatum* | 1 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Geum macrophyllum* | 1 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 32 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus armeniacus* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus laciniatus* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 60 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 66<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP102**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 10YR 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-16 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 95 | 7.5YR 4/6 | 5 | C | M | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): -**9** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/17/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP103 |
| Investigator: C. Van Slyke, C. Trusty | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland BB. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| **Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesi (sapling)i* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 85 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 60<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP103**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-10 | 7.5YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 10-16 | 10YR 4/3 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP28 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland V. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 85 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Glyceria sp.* | 10 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 85 | | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 6<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP28**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| +2 | | | | | - | - | Organic Matter | |
| 0-7 | 2.5Y 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | with organic matter |
| 7-10 | 10YR 3/2 | 95 | 10YR 3/4 | 5 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 10-20 | 10YR 3/2 | 95 | 10YR 4/2 | 5 | D | M | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP29 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland V.Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 40 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 1 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 36 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 15 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 75 | | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP29**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-2 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 2-9 | 10YR 3/3 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 9-16 | 2.5Y 4/3 | 70 | | | - | - | loam | mixed matrix colors |
| | 10YR 4/4 | 30 | | | - | - | loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP30 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Uplant plot adjacent to Wetland W. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 90 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ilex aquifolium* | 5 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 70 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 30 | | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 1<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 25<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP30**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | high in OM |
| 4-6 | 10YR 2/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 6-20 | 10YR 3/4 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP31 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland W. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP31**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-6 & 7-10 | 2.5Y 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 6-7 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 10-20 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 70 | 10YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | silt loam | |
| | | | 2.5Y 5/2 | 10 | D | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP32 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland X. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 50 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Spiraea douglasii* | 30 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 20 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 35 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 80 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 75<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP32**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 7-20 | 10YR 4/2 | 60 | 7.5YR 4/6 | 30 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | 2.5Y 5/1 | 10 | D | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 7

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-7**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-7** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP33 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland X.Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 20 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 5 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 95 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP33**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-10 | 7.5YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 10-16 | 10YR 3/4 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP34 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland Y. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 50 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 2<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP34**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-9 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 9-20 | 10YR 4/2 | 60 | 7.5YR 4/6 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | 2.5Y 5/1 | 20 | D | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 9

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP35 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland Z. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Frangula purshiana* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 2<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP35**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-8 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-16 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 60 | 10YR 4/3 | 40 | C | M | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP36 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland CC. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 50 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 5 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Carex deweyana* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 75<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP36**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 4-6 | 10YR 3/3 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 6-8 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-20 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 63 | 10YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | 10YR 4/6 | 2 | C | M | | |
| | | | 2.5Y 6/1 | 15 | D | M | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 8

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-8**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-8** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/22/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP37 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland CC. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Betula papyrifera* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 20 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Frangula purshiana* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 55 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 50 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 50 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 75 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 85 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 900 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 40<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP37**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| +2 | | | | | - | - | Organic Matter | |
| 0-12 | 7.5YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | high in OM |
| 12-20 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 93 | 10YR 4/4 | 7 | C | M | clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): -**14** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location. Saturation at this depth does not met wetland criteria.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP38 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland DD. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Spiraea douglasii* | 10 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 1 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 1 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 99 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP38**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-5 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 5-9 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 95 | 10YR 4/4 | 5 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 9-16 | 2.5Y 6/2 | 85 | 10YR 5/6 | 15 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 9

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP39 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland DD. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| **Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 10 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 35 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 50<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were not hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP39**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 3/3 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 7-13 | 7.5 YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loamy sand | |
| 13-20 | 7.5YR 2.5/2 | 95 | 10YR 4/3 | 5 | C | M | sand | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP40 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland EE. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 90 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 90 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP40**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 7.5YR 2.5/3 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 4-9 | 10YR 4/4 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 9-20 | 10YR 5/6 | 95 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 5 | D | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP41 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland EE. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Populus balsamifera* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 35 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 80 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 2<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP41**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | high in OM |
| 4-16 | 2.5Y 5/1 | 65 | 10YR 5/6 | 5 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | 10YR 4/4 | 30 | C | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 4

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-4**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-4** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP42 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland FF. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 65 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 1 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 1 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 99 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 67<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP42**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-2 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 2-16 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 70 | 10YR 4/4 | 30 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP43 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland GG. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 1<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 1<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: Sparsely vegetated area. The dominant species in this area was hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP43**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 7.5YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 4-10 | 10YR 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 10-16 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 70 | 10YR 5/6 | 30 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 10

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-10**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-10** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

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|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP44 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland HH. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Betula papyrifera* | 35 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 65 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 50 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Spiraea douglasii* | 5 | FACW | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 4<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP44**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-7 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 7-12 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 12-20 | 2.5Y 5/2 | 75 | 10YR 5/6 | 25 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 12

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐**

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/23/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP45 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland HH. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 35 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 75 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 60 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 60 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

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|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 67<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP45**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-1 | | | | | - | - | Organic Matter | |
| 1-16 | 10YR 3/3 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**
Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/29/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP46 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland KK. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Equisetum telmateia* | 50 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 130 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 60 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 5<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

**SOIL** **Sample Point: SP46**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-6 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 6-16 | Gley1 10Y 5\1 | 80 | 7.5YR 4/4 | 20 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 6

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+1**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-6**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-6** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/29/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP47 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland LL. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 50 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 100 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 30 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ilex aquifolium* | 10 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 45 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 50 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 70 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 7<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 43<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP47**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-2 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 2-6 | 10YR 4/3 | 80 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 2-6 | 10YR 3/2 | 20 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 6-16 | 10YR 4/3 | 88 | 10YR 4/4 | 2 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 6-16 | 10YR 3/2 | 10 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/29/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP48 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland LL. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Populus balsamifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 80 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 25 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 65 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 90 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP48**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-5 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 5-9 | 10YR 4/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 9-16 | 2.5Y 6/2 | 90 | 10YR 4/6 | 10 | C | M | clay | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 9

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+2**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-9** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 12/2/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP49 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland MM. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Ribes lacustre* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 45 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Tolmiea menziesii* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 95 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 6<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP49**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 4-10 | 10YR 4/2 | 85 | 10YR 4/4 | 15 | C | M | silt loam | |
| 10-20 | 10YR 4/2 | 75 | 10YR 4/6 | 15 | C | M | clay loam | |
| | | | 2.5Y 5/2 | 10 | D | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: clay

Depth (inches): 10

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☒ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-10**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0-10** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes** ☒ **No** ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 12/2/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP50 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland MM. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Thuja plicata* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Betula papyrifera* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 10 | FACU | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 100 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer circinatum* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 70 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 70 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover:<br>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | 0 | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 4<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 6<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 66<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP50**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-2 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | mostly OM |
| 2-6 | 7.5YR 2.5/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 6-16 | 10YR 4/3 | 98 | 10YR 4/6 | 2 | C | M | silty clay loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 12/2/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP51 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland B. Positive indicators for all three parameters were observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Alnus rubra* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus spectabilis* | 60 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Thuja plicata* | 25 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Lonicera involucrata* | 10 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 95 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Athyrium filix-femina* | 15 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 15 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus armeniacus* | 20 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 20 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 100 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 5<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

**Prevalence Index worksheet**

| | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |

Prevalence Index = B/A =

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP51**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-3 | 10YR 2/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | >50% OM |
| 3-8 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| 8-18 | 2.5Y 4/2 | 10 | 2.5Y 5/1 | 60 | D | M | clay loam | |
| | | | 10YR 4/2 | 30 | C | M | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location met NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☒ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **+2**

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 11/29/2021 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP 52 |
| Investigator: M. Porter, A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland on fill pile. Soil disturbed. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. Wetland determination made based on lack of hydrology or hydrology indicators. | |

### VEGETATION

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Juncus effusus* | 50 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Ranunculus repens* | 40 | FAC | ☒ |
| *Agrostis sp.* | 25 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Geranium molle* | 10 | NI | ☐ |
| *Holcus lanatus* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| *Trifolium repens* | 5 | FAC | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 135 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus armeniacus* | 5 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 5 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 0 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 3<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 3<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP52**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| | | | | | - | - | clay loam | mixed with gravel |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Soil at this location was disturbed and appear to be fill. Soil was depleted with concentrated mixed with gravel.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators not observed.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 12/2/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP53 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Skipopa silt loam 0-3% slopes (#124) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☒<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☐ No ☒** |
| Remarks: Upland plot adjacent to Wetland BB. Positive indicators for all three parameters were not observed at this location. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 30 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Acer macrophyllum* | 25 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 25 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Rubus ursinus* | 30 | FACU | ☒ |
| *Polystichum munitum* | 10 | FACU | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 40 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| *Rubus armeniacus* | 10 | FAC | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 10 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 30 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 1<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 5<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 20<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☐ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**

**Yes ☐ No ☒**

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP53**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-4 | 10YR 3/2 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| 4-16 | 10YR 3/6 | 100 | | | - | - | loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

[1]Type: C=concentration D=depletion RM=reduced matrix [2]Location: PL=pore lining RC=root channel M=matrix

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (applicable to all LRRs unless otherwise noted)**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)
- ☐ Histic Epidedon (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.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

- ☐ 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 Stresses Plants (D1) **(LRR A)**
- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-stained (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)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☐ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

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

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this location.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountain, Valley Coast Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Project Site: Miles Sand and Gravel Haul Road | City/County: Skagit County | Sample Date: 12/2/21 |
| Applicant/Owner: Miles Sand and Gravel | State: WA | Sample Point: SP54 |
| Investigator: M. Porter; A. Pederson | Section/Township/Range: 34/36/04 | |
| Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): | Local Relief (concave, convex, none) : | Subregion: LRR A |
| Soil Map Unit Name: Sehome loam 8-15% slopes (#120) | | NWI Classification: |

Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical of 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 ☐<br>Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ | **Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |
| Remarks: Wetland BB. Positive indicators for vegetation and soil were observed, but soils were not hydric (reduced but lacked concentrations). Wetland BB was delineated based on hydrology and best professional judgement. This area was recently disturbed/ logged and changes in hydrology may have resulted. | |

**VEGETATION**

| Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet) | Absolute % Cover | Indicator Status | Dominant Species? |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| **Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 feet)** | | | |
| *Spiraea douglasii* | 10 | FACW | ☒ |
| *Alnus rubra* | 2 | FAC | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 12 | | |
| **Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )** | | | |
| *Phalaris arundinacea* | 100 | FACW | ☒ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 100 | | |
| **Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet)** | | | |
| | | - | ☐ |
| | | - | ☐ |
| Total Cover: | 0 | | |
| % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum: 0 | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dominance Test worksheet**<br>Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: | 2<br>(A) |
| Total number of dominant species across all strata: | 2<br>(AB) |
| Percent of dominant species that or OBL, FACW, FAC: | 100<br>(A/AB) |

| **Prevalence Index worksheet** | |
|---|---|
| OBL species: | x 1= |
| FACW species: | x 2= |
| FAC species: | x 3= |
| FACU species: | x 4= |
| UPL species: | x 5= |
| Total: (A) | (B) |
| Prevalence Index = B/A = | |

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- ☒ 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]

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remarks: The majority of dominant species observed at this location were hydrophytic. | **Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**<br>**Yes ☒ No ☐** |

## SOIL

**Sample Point: SP54**

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

| Depth | Soil Color | | Redox Features | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (inches) | Color (moist) | % | Color (moist) | % | Type[1] | Loc[2] | Texture | Remarks |
| 0-20 | 10YR 3/1 | 100 | | | - | - | silt loam | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |
| | | | | | - | - | | |

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- ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type:

Depth (inches):

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒**

Remarks: Soil at this location did not meet NRCS hydric soil indicators. Soil was reduced but no concentrations were observed.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (any one indicator is sufficient)

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- ☐ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ☐ Frost-heave Hummocks (D7)
- ☒ FAC-neutral (D5)

**Field Observations:**

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

Water Table Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0**

Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): **0** (include capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

**Yes ☒ No ☐**

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology indicators were observed at this location.

# APPENDIX E: WDOE RATING FORMS

Wetland name or number Wetland A

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland A Date of site visit: 11/2/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

__X__**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** | 6 | 3 | 6 | 15 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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 | |

Wetland name or number Wetland A

# 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.





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 X **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 X **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.*

Wetland name or number Wetland A

## 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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



Wetland name or number Wetland A

## 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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | 3 |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | 5 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** ___ **6-11 = M** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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* Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that floods points = 0<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

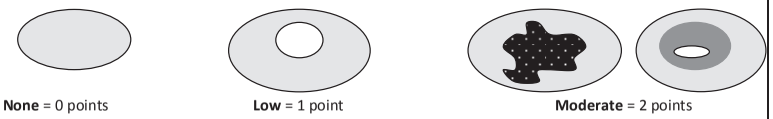
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 3

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland AA Date of site visit: 11/17/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 5 | 5 | 5 | 15 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ½ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 1 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** ___ **6-11 = M** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | 3 |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

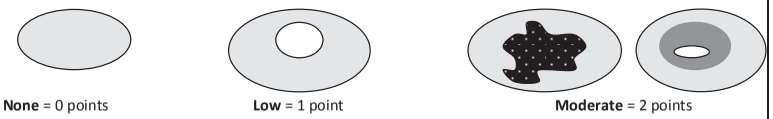
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 3

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 76 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 82 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 78 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 84 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

0

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Wetland Type<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | Category |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland B Date of site visit: 12/2/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X 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

__X__**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** | 6 | 3 | 6 | 15 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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 | |

Wetland name or number Wetland B

# 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.





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 X **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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 0 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 3 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 5 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** ___ **6-11 = M** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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* Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that floods points = 0<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

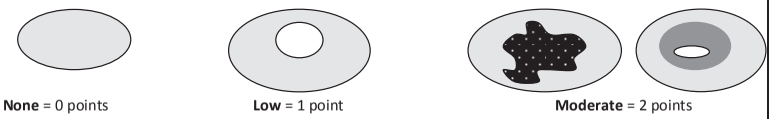
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

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Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 3

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 2 = 44 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland BB Date of site visit: 11/17/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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 X **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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## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 6 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 1 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | Emergent | 3 structures: points = 2 |
| _X_ | Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) | 2 structures: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

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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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ___ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

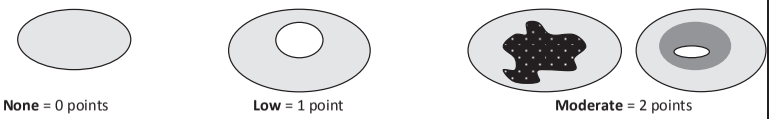
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



2



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ 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: 11

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 76 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 82 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 78 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 84 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland C Date of site visit: 11/2/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 5 | 3 | 6 | 14 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

Wetland name or number Wetland C

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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.*

Wetland name or number Wetland C

## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| **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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 2 |
| 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 2 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| **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 | 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| **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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS: Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that flood

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

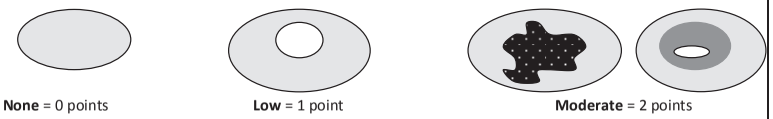
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 3

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland CC Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 5 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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 | 2 |
| 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 | |
| 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 | 3 |
| Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ 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 | |
| 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 | 2 |
| Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland | points = 2 | |
| Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland | points = 0 | |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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 | 2 |
| 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 | |
| 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 | 0 |
| 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 | |
| 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 X | 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 | |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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): | | 1 |
| • 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 X | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

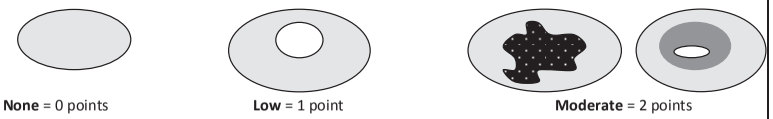
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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.*

- _X_ 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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

0

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Wetland Type<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | Category |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

| | |
|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetlands D & E Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Riverine Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 6 | 7 | 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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

Riverine Wetlands

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

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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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?
   X The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,
   X The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.





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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## 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 | 0 |
| 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 | 6 |
| Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland | points = 6 X | |
| Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 2/3 area of the wetland | points = 6 X | |
| 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 | 6 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area? | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 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 | 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 | 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<br>Other sources _____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for R 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**3-6 = H** ___**1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| R 3.2. Is the wetland along a stream or river that has TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens? | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for R 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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:<br>*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 | 1 |
| 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 | 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 | 8 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| R 5.2. Does the up-gradient watershed include a UGA or incorporated area? | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| R 5.3. Is the up-gradient stream or river controlled by dams? | Yes = 0 No = 1 | 1 |
| Total for R 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**3 = H** X **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?<br>*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 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for R 6 | Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

1

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 |
| _X_ | Saturated only | 1 type present: points = 0 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

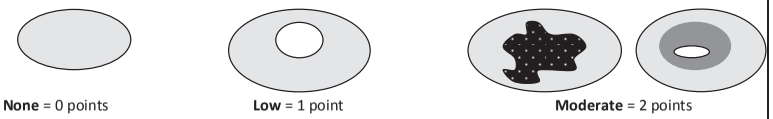
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).

____ Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland

_X_ 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)*

_X_ 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 7

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 Add the points in the boxes above 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

_X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland DD Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 5 | 4 | 6 | 15 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 3 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

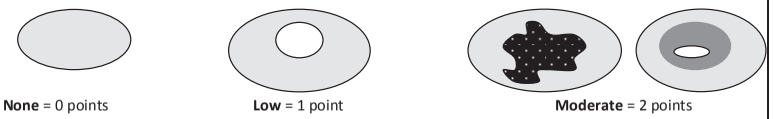
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 3

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland EE Date of site visit: 11/23/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 5 | 4 | 7 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





## 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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| 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 2 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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

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| 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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

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| 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 | 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

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

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| 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 | 0 |

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

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| 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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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.*

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|---|---|---|
| ____ | Aquatic bed | 4 structures or more: points = 4 |
| ____ | Emergent | 3 structures: points = 2 |
| _X_ | Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) | 2 structures: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

2

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

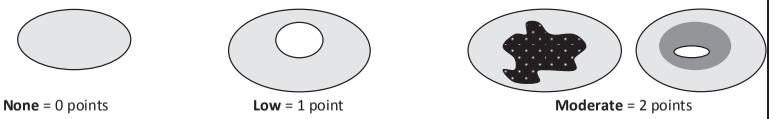
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

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|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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|---|---|
| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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|---|---|
| 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 |

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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 |

0

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| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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| 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 |

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland F Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 5 | 3 | 6 | 14 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 2 |
| 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 2 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 0 |
| S 2.2. Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in question S 2.1?<br>Other sources _____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| 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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS: Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that flood

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

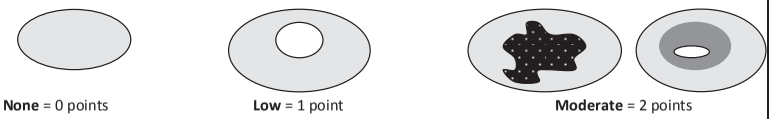
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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). |
| _X_ | 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)* |
| _X_ | Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*) |

2

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 4

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

1

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland FF Date of site visit: 11/23/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 6 | 3 | 5 | 14 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 3 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | 2 |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | 3 |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | 5 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** ___ **6-11 = M** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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* Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that flood points = 0<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

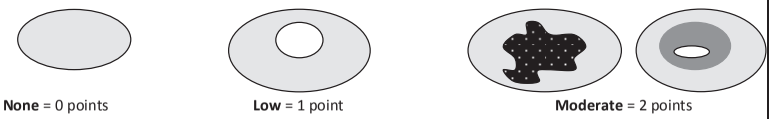
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Wetland Type<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | Category |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland G Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 4 | 6 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 6 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | 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** |

0

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

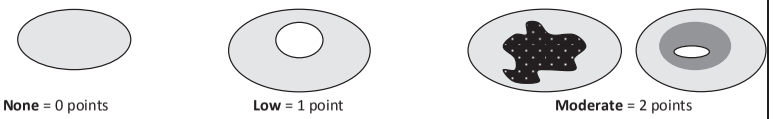
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 2

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

1

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

| | |
|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland GG Date of site visit: 11/23/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 6 | 4 | 5 | 15 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 3 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | 3 |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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* Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that flood points = 0<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

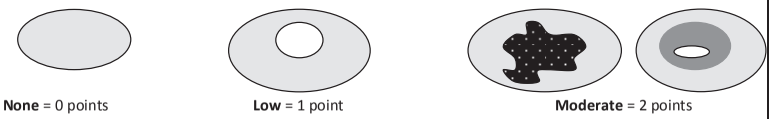
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

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|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

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

Wetland name or number Wetland GG

# 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 Wetland GG

## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Wetland Type<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | Category |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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Wetland name or number Wetland H

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland H Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 5 | 4 | 7 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

Wetland name or number Wetland H

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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.*

Wetland name or number Wetland H

## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 3 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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

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|---|---|
| **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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| **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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| **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 | 0 |

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

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| **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

1

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

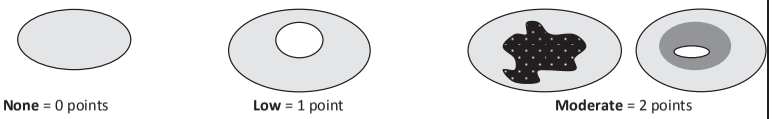
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

_X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland HH Date of site visit: 11/23/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 3 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 2 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



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**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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 X<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 5 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

1

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

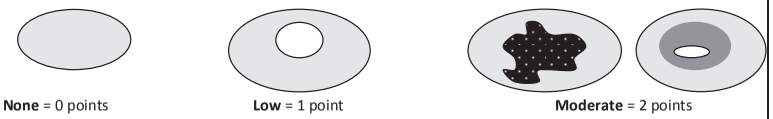
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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.*

- _X_ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).
- _X_ 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)*
- _X_ 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 6

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**15-18 = H** ___**7-14 = M** _X_**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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 Add the points in the boxes above 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_**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

- _X_ 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: _X_**2 = H** ___**1 = M** ___**0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland J Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 5 | 4 | 8 | 17 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 3 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) | 2 structures: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

2

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ___ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

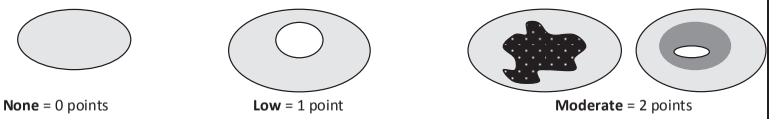
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 8

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

_X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

| | |
|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland JJ Date of site visit: 11/23/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** II (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 6 | 8 | 20 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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 | |

Wetland name or number Wetland JJ

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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.





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 X **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.*

Wetland name or number Wetland JJ

## 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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 3 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 4 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



Wetland name or number Wetland JJ

## 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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft (6 in) points = 0 | | 7 |
| 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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 X<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 5 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 14 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

Wetland name or number Wetland JJ

**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.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| X | Aquatic bed | 4 structures or more: points = 4 |
| X | Emergent | 3 structures: points = 2 |
| X | 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

2

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*).

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| X | 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 |
| X | 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 $ft^2$.

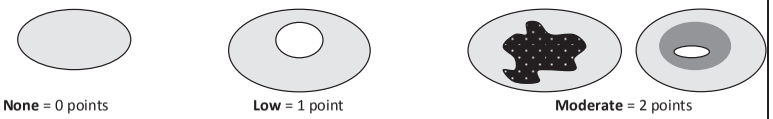
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

- X Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).
- X Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland
- X 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)
- X 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)*
- X 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)*
- X Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

6

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 13

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** X **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: X **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

- X 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: X **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

| | |
|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland K & L Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Riverine Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 6 | 7 | 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 | ☒ | |





## 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

Riverine Wetlands

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

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?
   X The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,
   X The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.





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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## 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 | 0 |
| 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 | 6 |
| Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland | points = 6 X | |
| 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 | 6 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area? | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for R 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**3-6 = H** ___**1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| R 3.2. Is the wetland along a stream or river that has TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens? | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for R 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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 | 2 |
| 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 | 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 | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 1 |
| R 5.2. Does the up-gradient watershed include a UGA or incorporated area? | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| R 5.3. Is the up-gradient stream or river controlled by dams? | Yes = 0 No = 1 | 1 |
| Total for R 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 2 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**3 = H** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for R 6 | Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Saturated only | 1 type present: points = 0 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

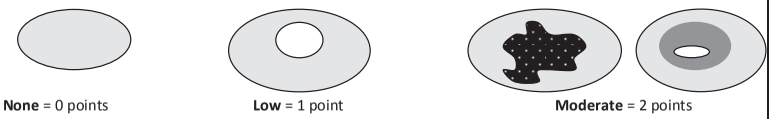
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

0

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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 |
| _X_ | 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)* |
| _X_ | Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*) |

2

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** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above — 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

- _X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland KK Date of site visit: 11/29/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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| 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 6 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

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

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| 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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

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| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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| 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 1 |

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

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| 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 | 0 |

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

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| 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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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.*

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| ____ | Aquatic bed | 4 structures or more: points = 4 |
| ____ | Emergent | 3 structures: points = 2 |
| _X_ | 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

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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*).

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| ____ | 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 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

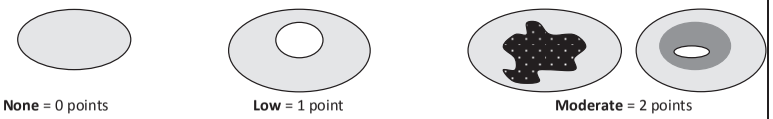
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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| 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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

- _X_ 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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

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| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

If total accessible habitat is:

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| > 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 |

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H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

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| 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 |

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H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If

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| > 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use | points = (- 2) |
| ≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity | points = 0 |

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| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

- _X_ 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

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
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| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland LL Date of site visit: 11/29/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 5 | 4 | 7 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 2 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 2 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

1

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

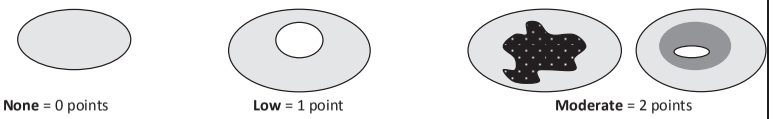
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 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** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

_X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland M Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Riverine Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 6 | 7 | 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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

Riverine Wetlands

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

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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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?
   X The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,
   X The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.





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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## RIVERINE AND FRESHWATER TIDAL FRINGE WETLANDS

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

| | |
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| **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:<br>Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland — points = 8<br>Depressions cover > ½ area of wetland — points = 4<br>Depressions present but cover < ½ area of wetland — points = 2<br>No depressions present — points = 0 | 0 |
| R 1.2. Structure of plants in the wetland (areas with >90% cover at person height, **not** Cowardin classes)<br>Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the wetland — points = 8<br>Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland — points = 6 X<br>Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 2/3 area of the wetland — points = 6<br>Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 1/3 area of the wetland — points = 3<br>Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of the wetland — points = 0 | 6 |
| Total for R 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 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 | 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 | 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<br>Other sources _____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for R 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**3-6 = H** ___**1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| R 3.2. Is the wetland along a stream or river that has TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for R 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## RIVERINE AND FRESHWATER TIDAL FRINGE WETLANDS

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

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| **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:<br>*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).*<br>If the ratio is more than 20 — points = 9<br>If the ratio is 10-20 — points = 6<br>If the ratio is 5-<10 — points = 4<br>If the ratio is 1-<5 — points = 2<br>If the ratio is < 1 — points = 1 | 2 |
| 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).*<br>Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR emergent plants > 2/3 area — points = 7<br>Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR emergent plants > 1/3 area — points = 4<br>Plants do not meet above criteria — points = 0 | 7 |
| Total for R 4 — Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 1 |
| R 5.2. Does the up-gradient watershed include a UGA or incorporated area? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| R 5.3. Is the up-gradient stream or river controlled by dams? Yes = 0 No = 1 | 1 |
| Total for R 5 — Add the points in the boxes above | 2 |

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

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|---|---|
| **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?<br>*Choose the description that best fits the site.*<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for R 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Saturated only | 1 type present: points = 0 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

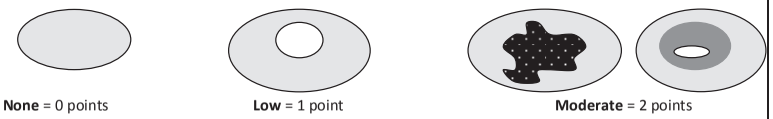
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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|---|---|
| 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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

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** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

- _X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland MM, NN & PP Date of site visit: 11/29/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** II (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 6 | 8 | 20 |

**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 | ☒ | |





## 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 2 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 X<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 5 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | Emergent | 3 structures: points = 2 |
| ___ | Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) | 2 structures: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

2

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ___ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

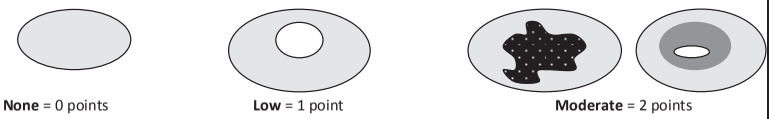
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

- _X_ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).
- _X_ 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)*
- _X_ 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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

4

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 11

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

- _X_ 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland N Date of site visit: 11/8/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Riverine Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** II (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

__X__**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 | 8 | 21 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

Riverine Wetlands

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

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 | |

Wetland name or number Wetland N

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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?
   X The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,
   X The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.





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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## 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:<br>Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland — points = 8<br>Depressions cover > ½ area of wetland — points = 4<br>Depressions present but cover < ½ area of wetland — points = 2<br>No depressions present — points = 0 | 2 |
| R 1.2. Structure of plants in the wetland (areas with >90% cover at person height, **not** Cowardin classes)<br>Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the wetland — points = 8<br>Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland — points = 6<br>Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 2/3 area of the wetland — points = 6<br>Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 1/3 area of the wetland — points = 3<br>Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of the wetland — points = 0 | 8 |
| Total for R 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 10 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 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 | 1 |
| R 2.4. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 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<br>Other sources _____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for R 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

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| **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 | 1 |
| R 3.2. Is the wetland along a stream or river that has TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for R 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## RIVERINE AND FRESHWATER TIDAL FRINGE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| **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:<br>*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).*<br>If the ratio is more than 20 — points = 9<br>If the ratio is 10-20 — points = 6<br>If the ratio is 5-<10 — points = 4<br>If the ratio is 1-<5 — points = 2<br>If the ratio is < 1 — points = 1 | 2 |
| 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).*<br>Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR emergent plants > 2/3 area — points = 7<br>Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR emergent plants > 1/3 area — points = 4<br>Plants do not meet above criteria — points = 0 | 7 |
| Total for R 4 — Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

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

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|---|---|
| **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 | 1 |
| R 5.2. Does the up-gradient watershed include a UGA or incorporated area? Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| R 5.3. Is the up-gradient stream or river controlled by dams? Yes = 0 No = 1 | 1 |
| Total for R 5 — Add the points in the boxes above | 2 |

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

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| **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?<br>*Choose the description that best fits the site.*<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for R 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

1

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Saturated only | 1 type present: points = 0 |
| _X_ | 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** |

2

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

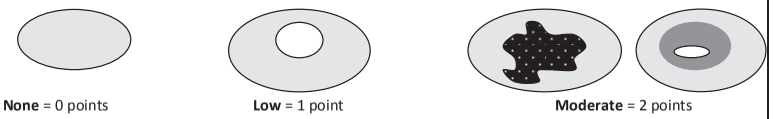
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).

_X_ 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)*

_X_ 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 9

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 42 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 5 = 47 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 72 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 78 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 Add the points in the boxes above 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

- X 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland P Date of site visit: 11/10/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 6 | 17 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 2 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 X<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 5 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

1

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

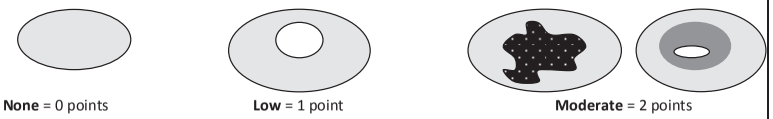
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 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** _X_ **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 63 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 3 = 66 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 74 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 3 = 77 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

1

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland R Date of site visit: 11/10/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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 | |

Wetland name or number Wetland R

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 2 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3 X<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft (6 in) points = 0 | | 3 |
| 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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 5 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 10 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

Wetland name or number Wetland R

**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 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

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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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

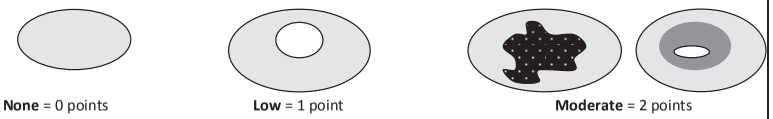
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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.*

_X_ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).

_X_ 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)*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

4

Total for H 1 Add the points in the boxes above 7

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 63 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 3 = 66 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 74 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 3 = 77 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 Add the points in the boxes above 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

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# 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.

X **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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland T Date of site visit: 11/11/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 5 | 4 | 7 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

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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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 3 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| 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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) | 2 structures: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

2

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ___ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

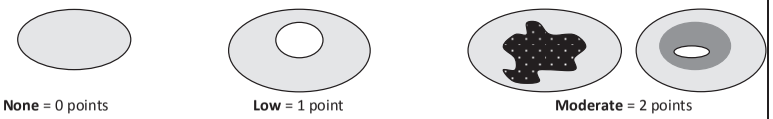
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 7

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 63 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 3 = 66 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 74 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 3 = 77 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

1

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland U Date of site visit: 11/17/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? X Y ____N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** II (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 6 | 8 | 20 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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 X **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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | | 4 |
| Total for D 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 11 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ | Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 X<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | | 5 |
| Total for D 4 | Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 | Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) | 2 structures: points = 1 |
| _X_ | Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) | 1 structure: points = 0 |

*If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*

_X_ 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

2

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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ___ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

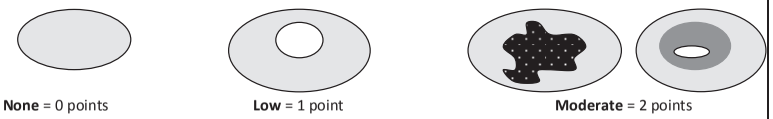
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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.*

_X_ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).

_X_ 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)*

_X_ 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)*

_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

4

Total for H 1 Add the points in the boxes above 11

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** _X_ **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 76 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 82 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 78 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 6 = 84 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 Add the points in the boxes above 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

- X 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: _X_ **2 = H** ___ **1 = M** ___ **0 = L** *Record the rating on the first page*

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland V Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 4 | 6 | 16 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 3 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | 4 |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | 10 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | 3 |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | 7 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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* Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that flood points = 0<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

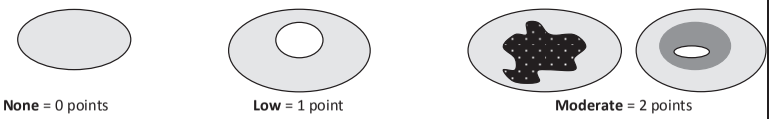
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

1

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

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# 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.

X **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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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 Wetland V

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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



Wetland name or number Wetland V

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Wetland name or number Wetland W

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland W Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** III (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 5 | 6 | 17 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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 | |

Wetland name or number Wetland W

# 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.





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 X **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.*

Wetland name or number Wetland W

## 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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. points = 1 | 2 |
| 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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 3 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland points = 0 | 4 |
| Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above | 9 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



Wetland name or number Wetland W

## DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 0 | 2 |
| 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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3 X<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft (6 in) points = 0 | 3 |
| 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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5 | 3 |
| Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above | 8 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **12-16 = H** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1 X<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |

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

Wetland name or number Wetland W

**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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 $ft^2$.

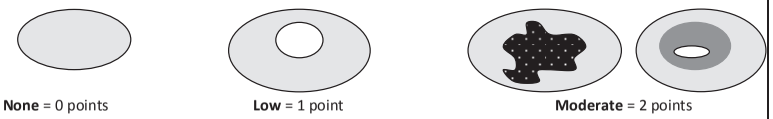
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



Wetland name or number Wetland W

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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 3

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

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

Wetland name or number Wetland W

# 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.

X **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 Wetland W

## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— At least ⅔ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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Wetland name or number Wetland X

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland X Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 5 | 4 | 5 | 14 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

Wetland name or number Wetland X

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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.*

Wetland name or number Wetland X

## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 3 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

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

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|---|---|
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

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



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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

Wetland name or number Wetland X

**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | 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** |

0

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

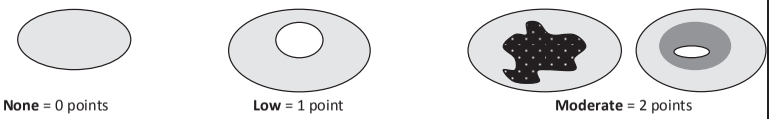
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
_X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 2

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

0

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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?<br>Yes = **Is a Category I bog** No = **Is not a bog** | **Cat. I** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |





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Wetland name or number Wetland Y

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland Y Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Slope Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X 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

X **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** | 5 | 4 | 5 | 14 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | |
| 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) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | |

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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | H 1.2 | B |
| Plant cover of **dense** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants | S 1.3 | A |
| Plant cover of **dense, rigid** trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants *(can be added to figure above)* | S 4.1 | A |
| Boundary of 150 ft buffer (can be added to another figure) | S 2.1, S 5.1 | A |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | S 3.1, S 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | S 3.3 | D |

Wetland name or number Wetland Y

# 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?
   X The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
   X 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,
   X 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.





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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## 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)*<br>Slope is 1% or less — points = 3<br>Slope is > 1%-2% — points = 2<br>Slope is > 2%-5% — points = 1<br>Slope is greater than 5% — points = 0 | 2 |
| 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 | 0 |
| S 1.3. Characteristics of the plants in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants:<br>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.*<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > 90% of the wetland area — points = 6<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ½ of area — points = 3<br>Dense, woody, plants > ½ of area — points = 2<br>Dense, uncut, herbaceous plants > ¼ of area — points = 1<br>Does not meet any of the criteria above for plants — points = 0 | 2 |
| Total for S 1 — Add the points in the boxes above | 4 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**12 = H** ___**6-11 = M** X **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 | 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 2 — Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1-2 = M** X **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 | 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Total for S 3 — Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

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



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## SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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|---|---|
| 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.*<br>Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland — points = 1<br>All other conditions — points = 0 | 0 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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 | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___**1 = M** X **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:<br>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<br>Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient — points = 1<br>No flooding problems anywhere downstream — points = 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for S 6 — Add the points in the boxes above | 1 |

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 |
| ____ | Occasionally flooded or inundated | 2 types present: points = 1 |
| _X_ | 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** |

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

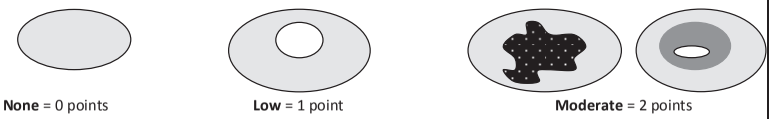
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 1 | Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total for H 2 | Add the points in the boxes above | 6 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

0

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

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|---|---|
| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |



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Wetland name or number Wetland Z

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland Z Date of site visit: 11/22/21

Rated by M. Porter; A. Pederson Trained by Ecology? X Yes ___No Date of training 2014

**HGM Class used for rating** Depressional Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___Y X N

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

Source of base aerial photo/map Skagit County 2021

**OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY** IV (based on functions X or special characteristics___)

## 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

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

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

__X__**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** | 6 | 4 | 5 | 15 |

**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 | ☒ | |





# 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 | A |
| Hydroperiods | D 1.4, H 1.2 | B |
| Location of outlet (*can be added to map of hydroperiods)* | D 1.1, D 4.1 | B |
| Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland *(can be added to another figure)* | D 2.2, D 5.2 | A |
| Map of the contributing basin | D 4.3, D 5.3 | B |
| 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 | C |
| Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website) | D 3.1, D 3.2 | D |
| Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web) | D 3.3 | D |

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.





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 X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). points = 3<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. points = 2<br>Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing points = 1<br>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):<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area points = 5<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ⅓ of area points = 3<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 1<br>Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < $^{1}/_{10}$ of area points = 0 | 5 |
| D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:<br>*This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.*<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland points = 4<br>Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland points = 2<br>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** X **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 | 0 |
| 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?<br>Source_____ Yes = 1 No = 0 | 0 |
| Total for D 2 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 or 4 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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 | 2 |
| Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above | 3 |

**Rating of Value** If score is: X **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:<br>Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4<br>Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2<br>Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1<br>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.*<br>Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7<br>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5<br>Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3<br>The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3<br>Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1<br>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.*<br>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5 X<br>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3<br>The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0<br>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** X **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 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Total for D 5 Add the points in the boxes above | 0 |

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ___ **3 = H** ___ **1 or 2 = M** X **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.*<br>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):<br>• Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2<br>• Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1<br>Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1<br>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* Wetland small, with limited capacity, water would not reach area that flood points = 0<br>There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 |

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

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**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 |
| _X_ | 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 |
| _X_ | 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** |

0

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

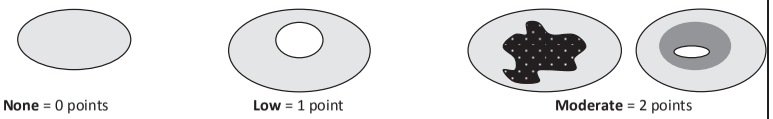
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species.* ***Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle***

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

1

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 **Low** = 1 point **Moderate** = 2 points

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



0



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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)*
- _X_ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (*see H 1.1 for list of strata*)

1

Total for H 1 — Add the points in the boxes above: 2

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ___ **15-18 = H** ___ **7-14 = M** _X_ **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 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| 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 |

3

H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.

*Calculate:* % undisturbed habitat 66 + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] 8 = 74 %

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |

3

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 |

0

Total for H 2 — Add the points in the boxes above: 6

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: _X_ **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

0

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

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# 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.



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## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| **Wetland Type**<br>*Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.* | **Category** |
|---|---|
| **SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands**<br>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?<br>— The dominant water regime is tidal,<br>— Vegetated, and<br>— 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?<br>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?<br>— 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)<br>— 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.<br>— 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** ☐<br>**Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.***<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>**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.<br>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** ☐ |

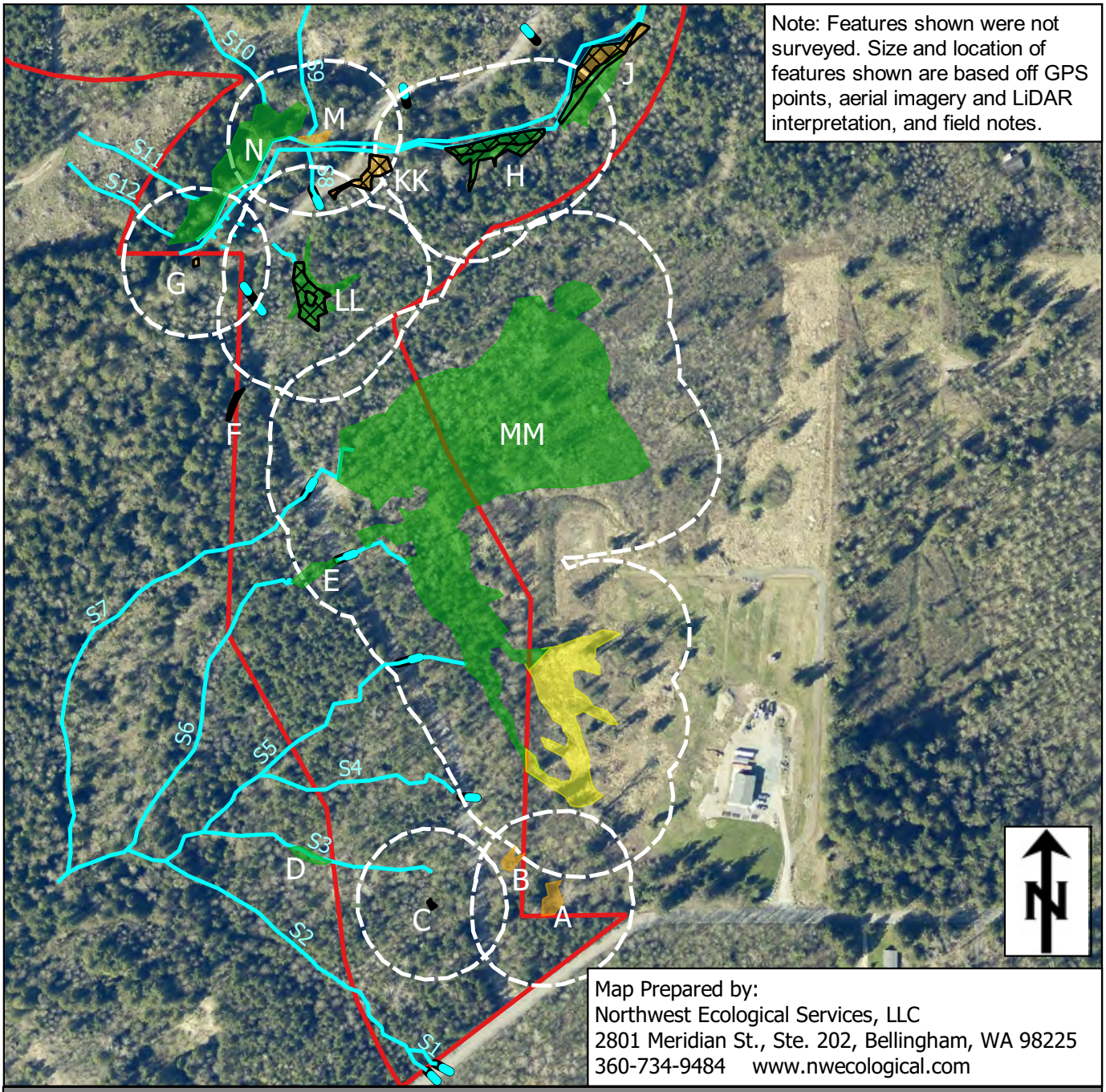
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| **SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands**<br>Does the wetland have at least 1 contiguous acre of forest that meets one of these criteria for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? ***If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.***<br>— **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.<br>— **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).<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Not a forested wetland for this section** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| **SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons**<br>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?<br>— 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<br>— 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)*<br>Yes – Go to **SC 5.1** No = **Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon** | **Cat. I** ☐ |
| SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?<br>— 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).<br>— 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.<br>— The wetland is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 $ft^2$)<br>Yes = **Category I** No = **Category II** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| **SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands**<br>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.***<br>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:<br>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103<br>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105<br>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109<br>Yes – Go to **SC 6.1** No = **not an interdunal wetland for rating** | **Cat I** ☐ |
| 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** | **Cat. II** ☐ |
| SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?<br>Yes = **Category II** No – Go to **SC 6.3** | **Cat. III** ☐ |
| 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?<br>Yes = **Category III** No = **Category IV** | **Cat. IV** ☐ |
| **Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics**<br>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form | - |

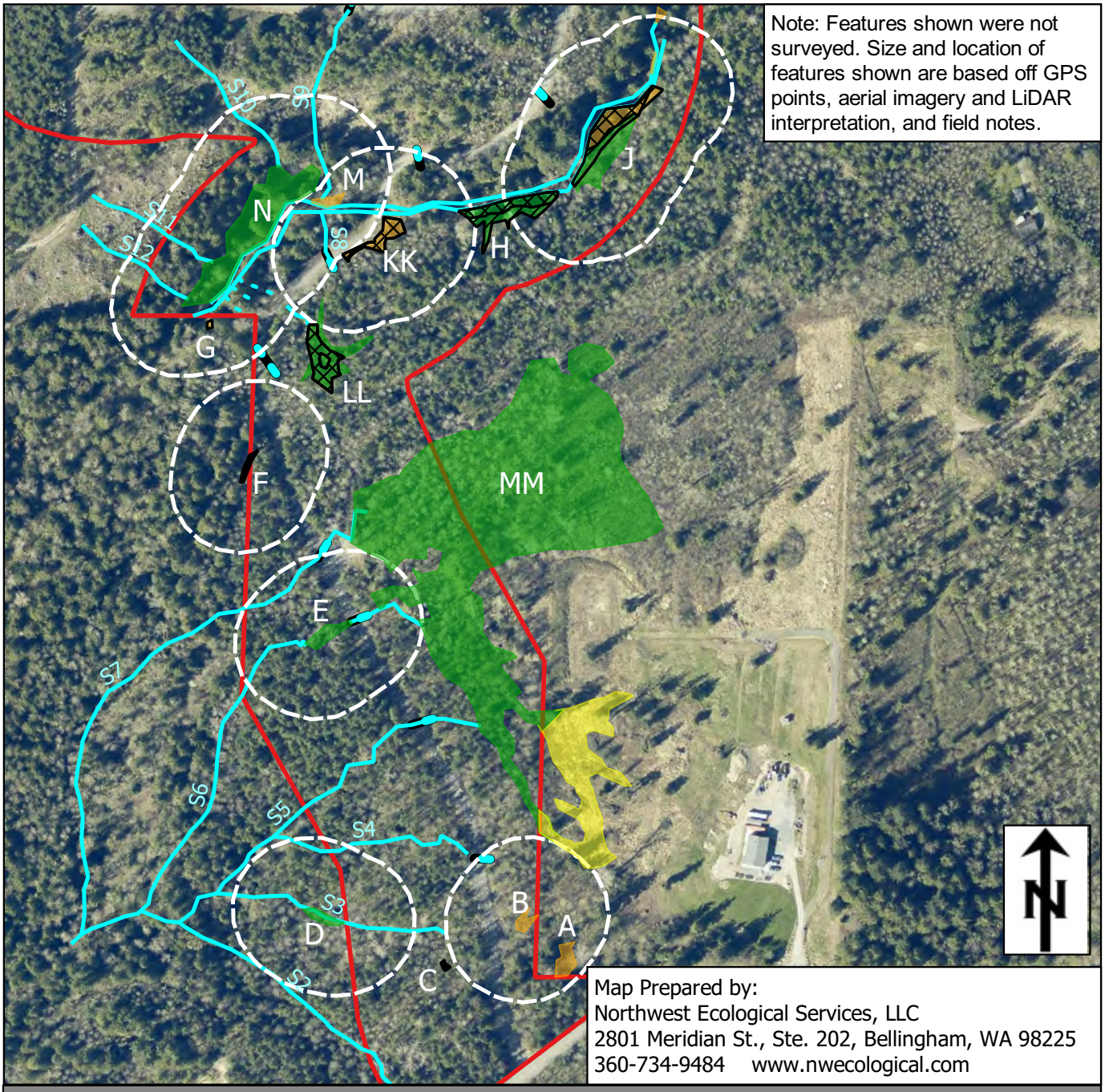




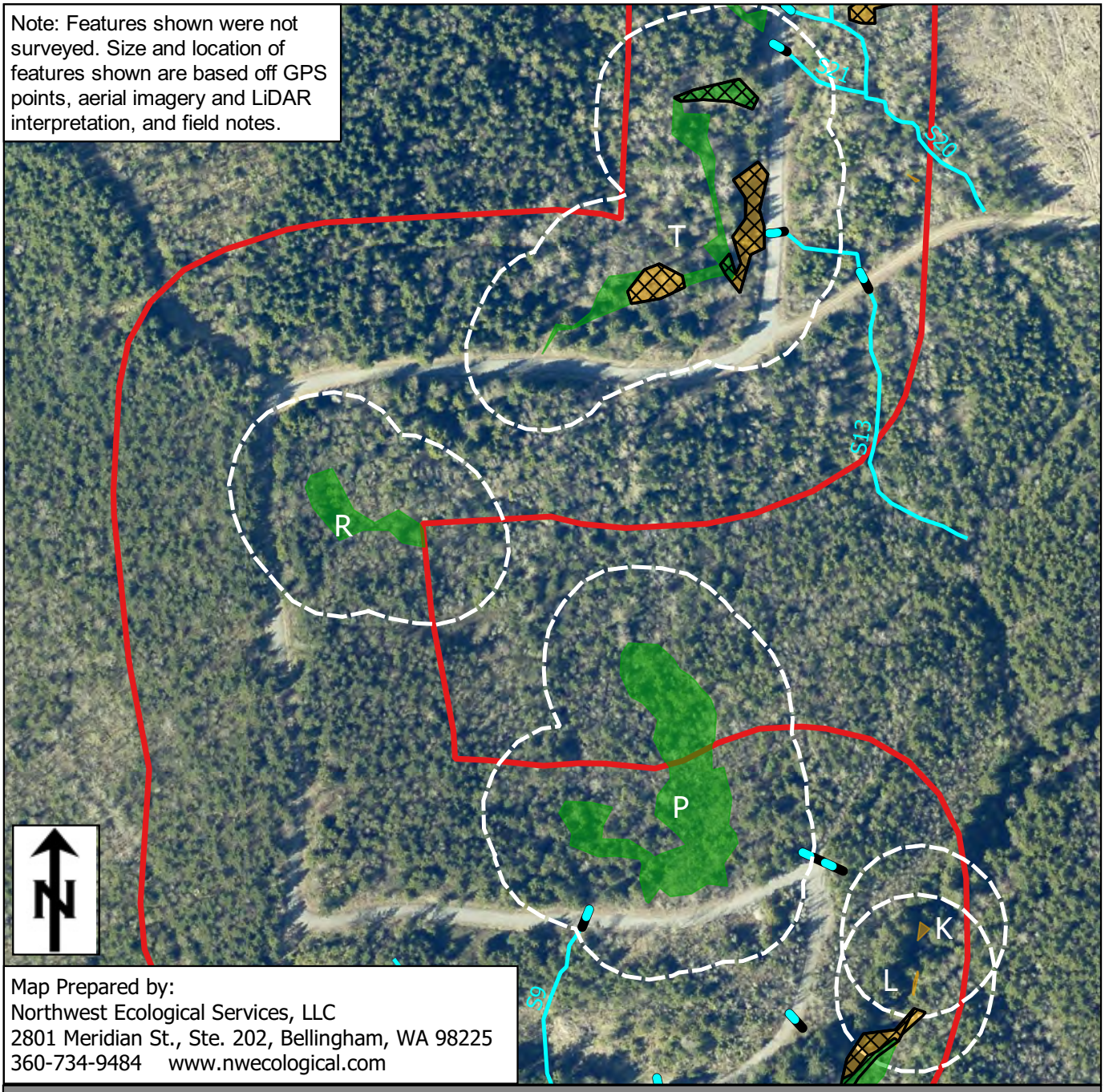
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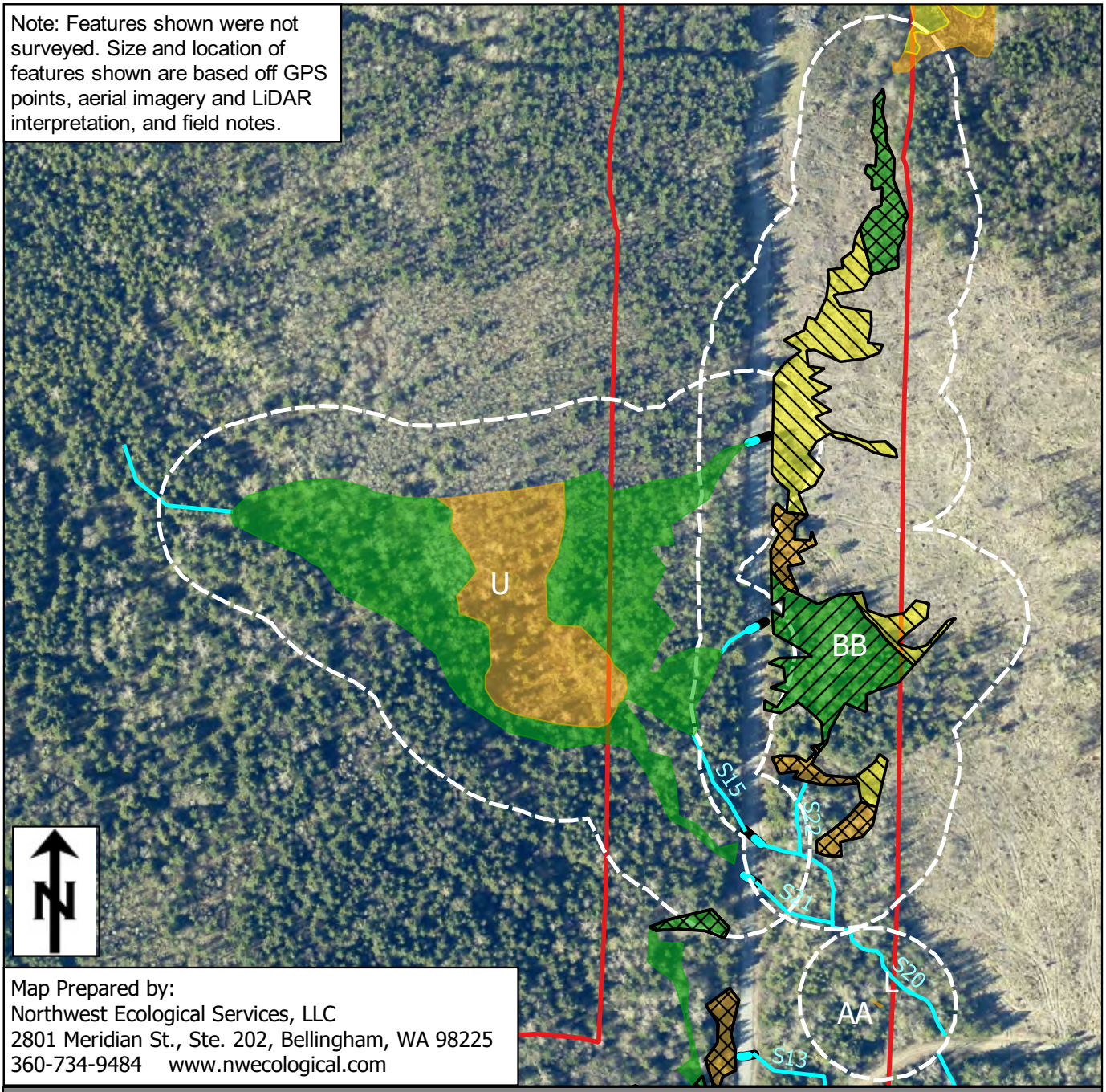

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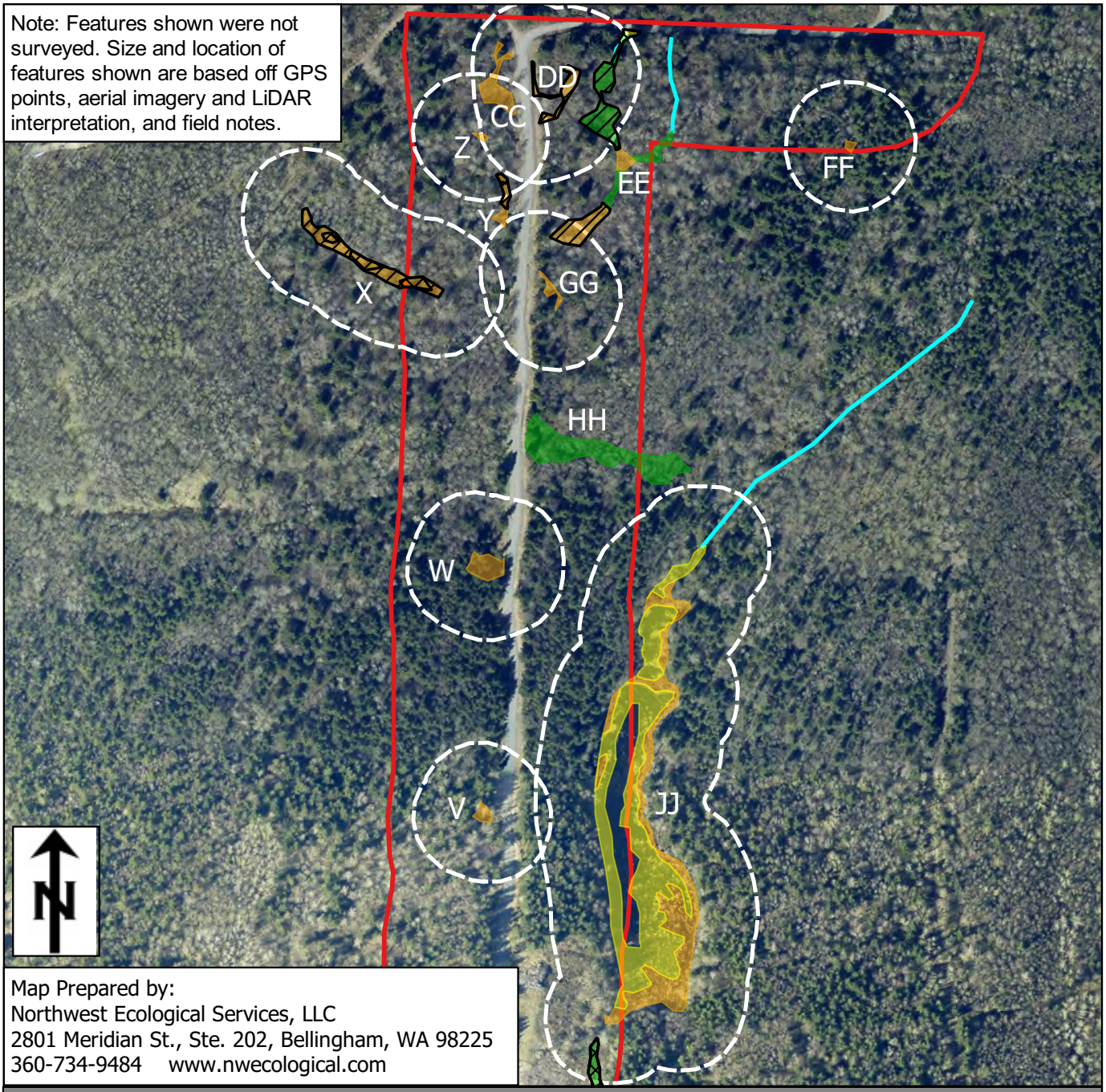

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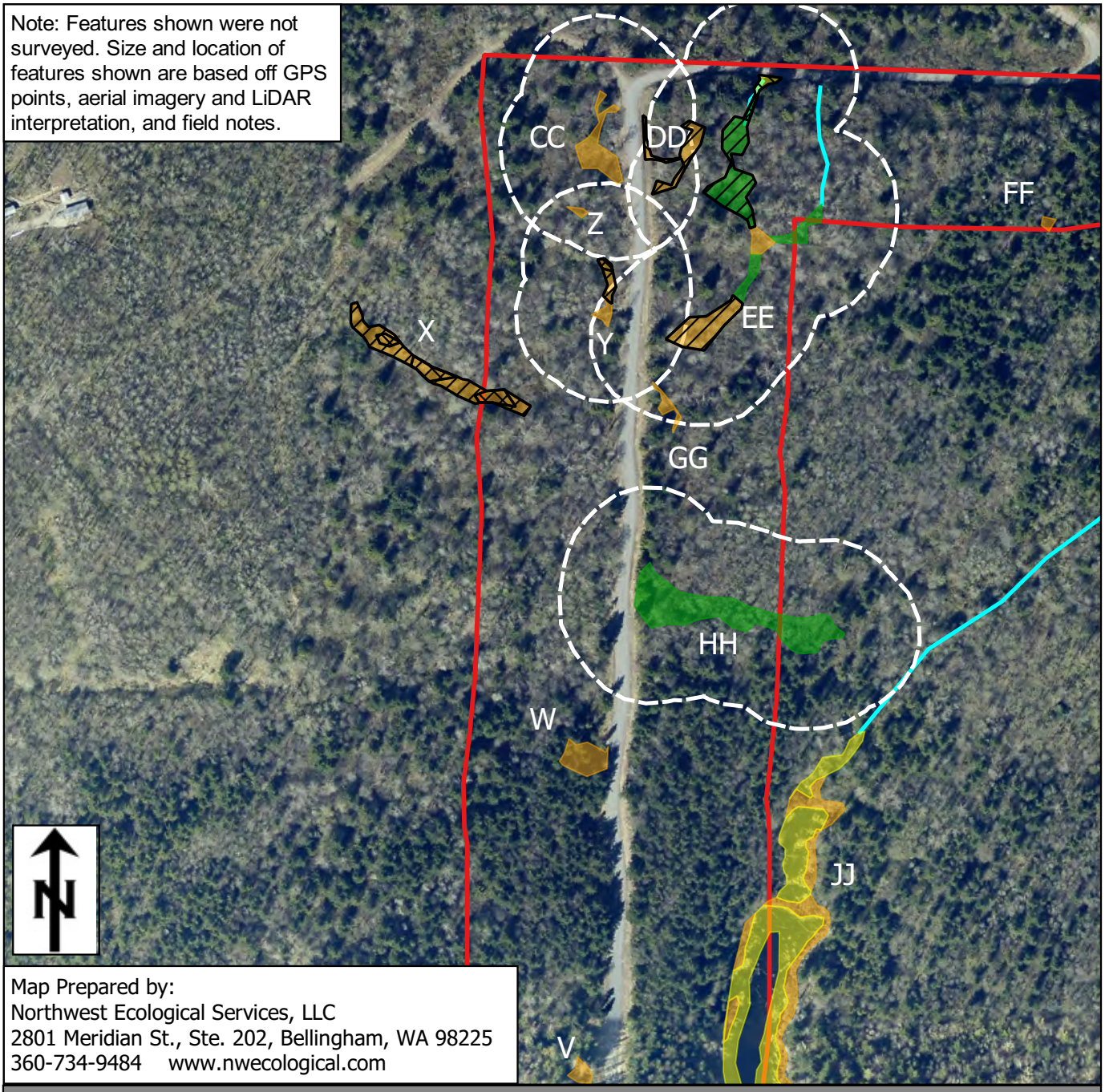

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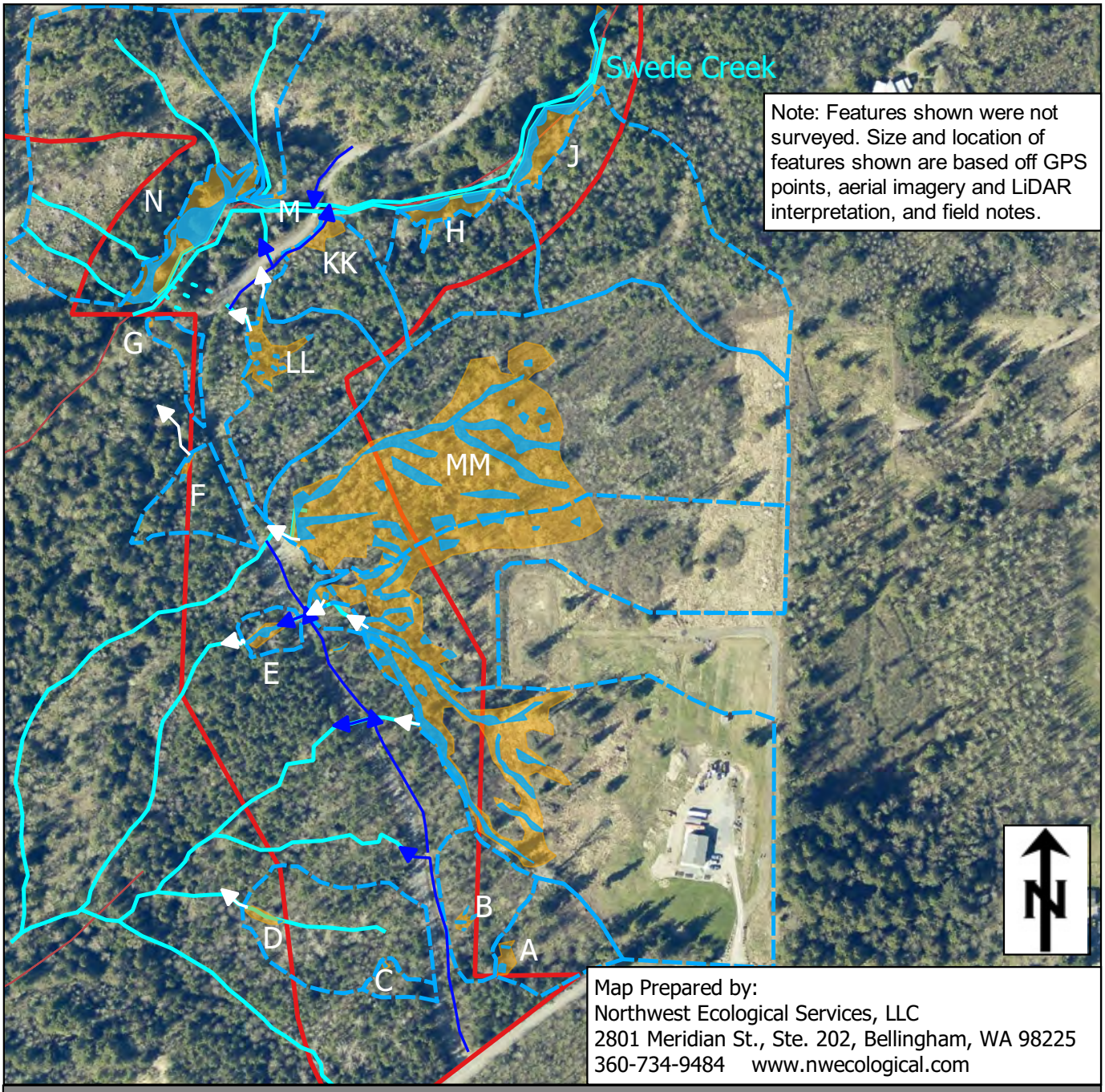

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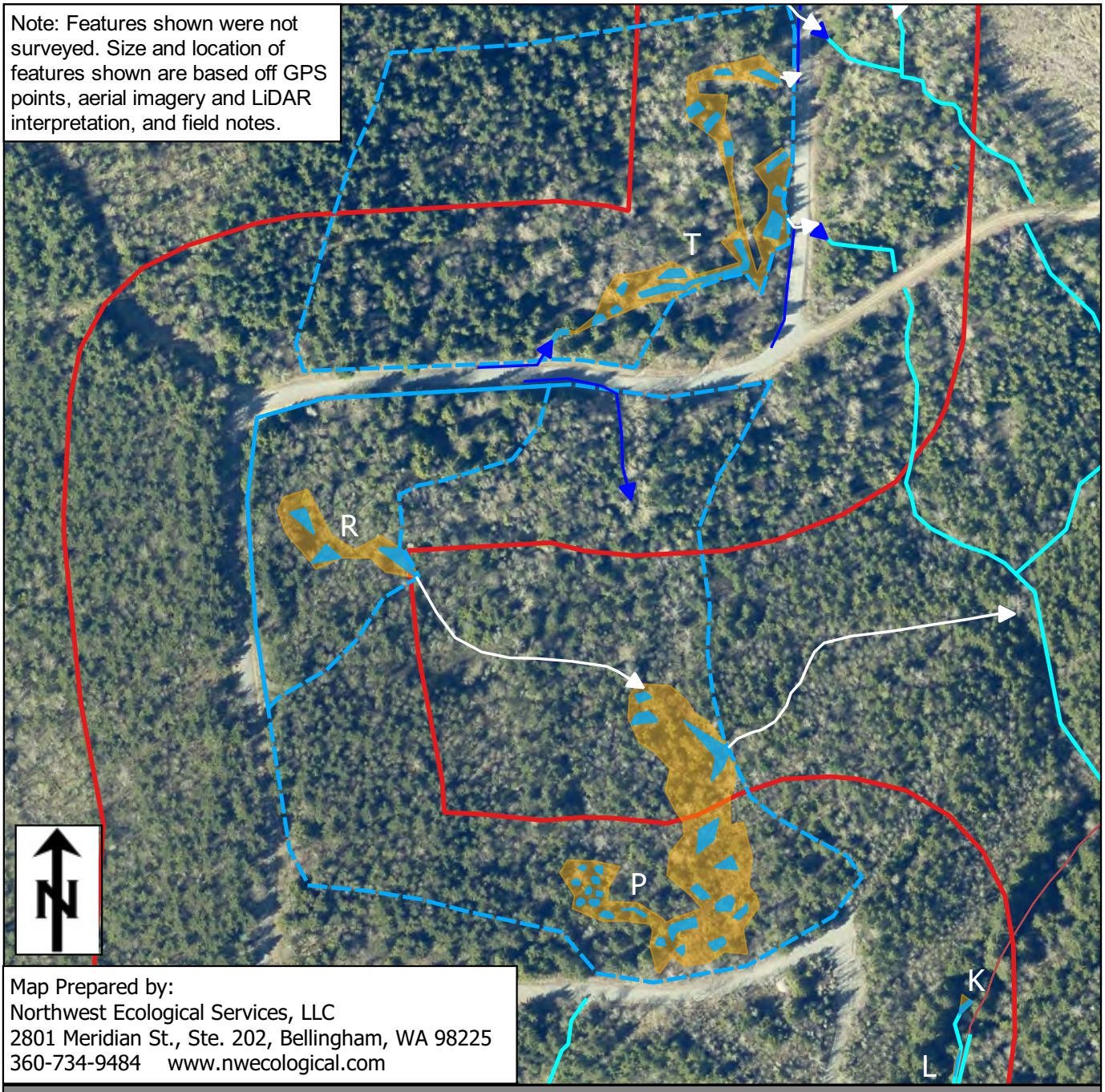

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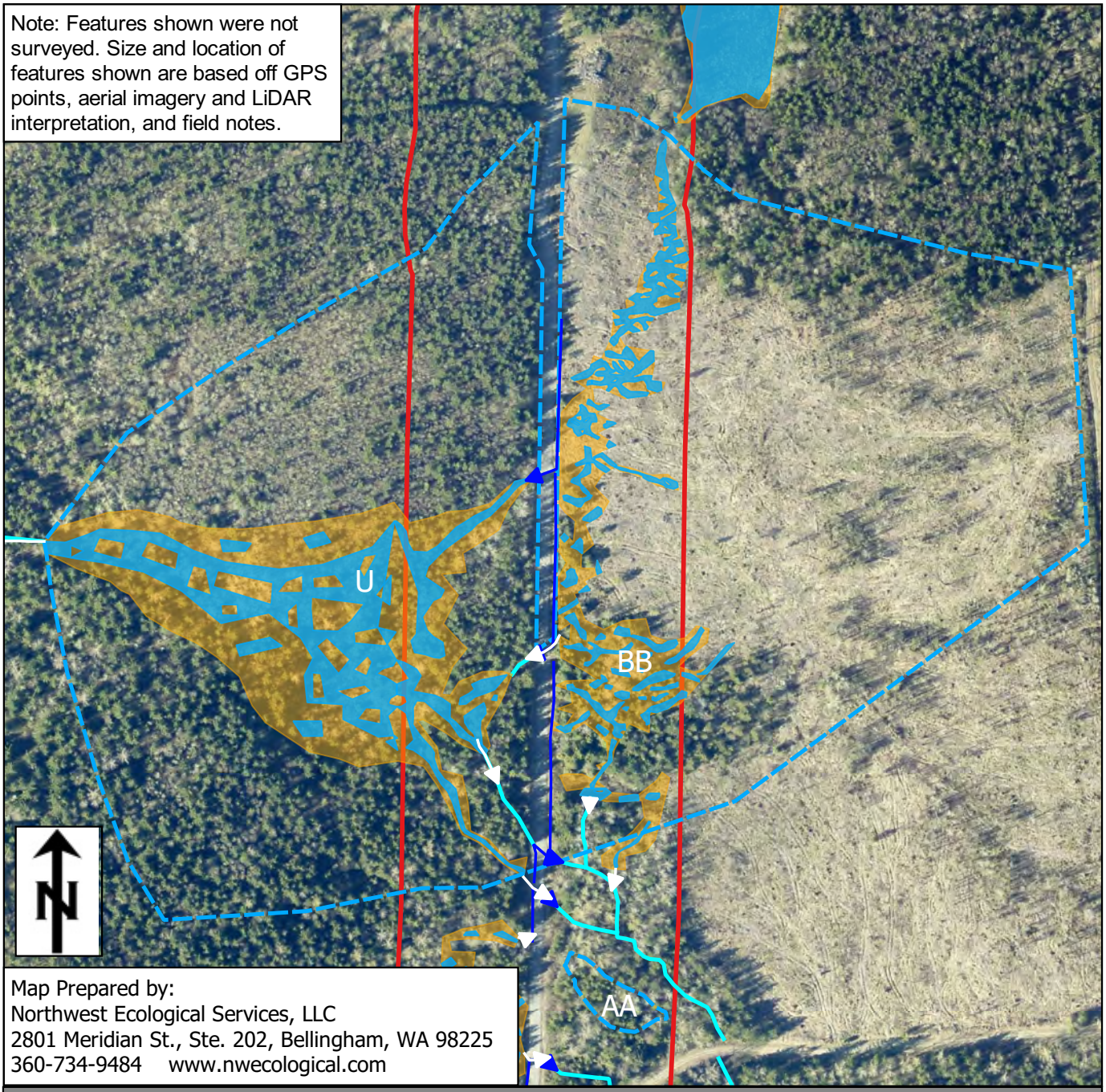

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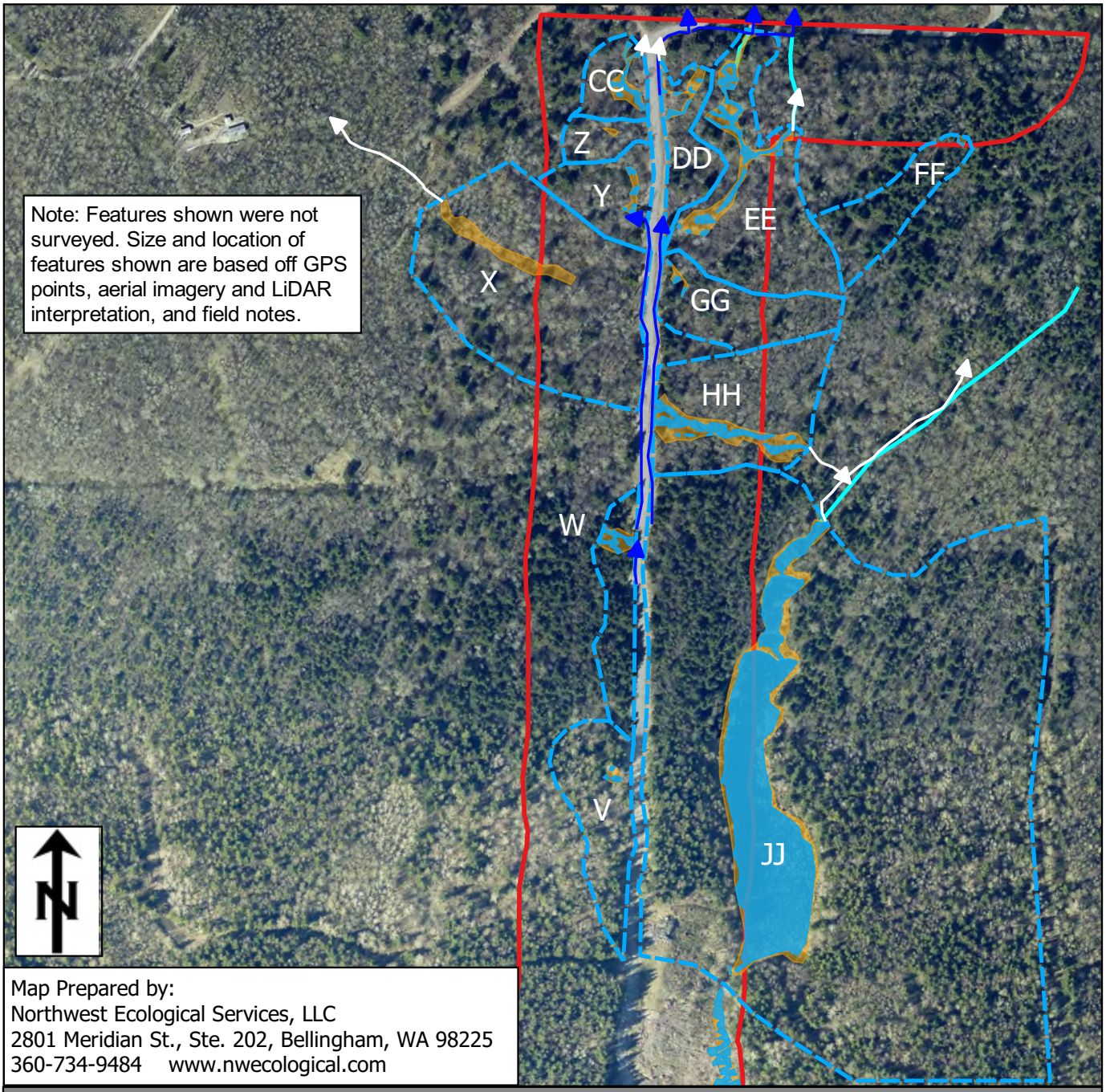

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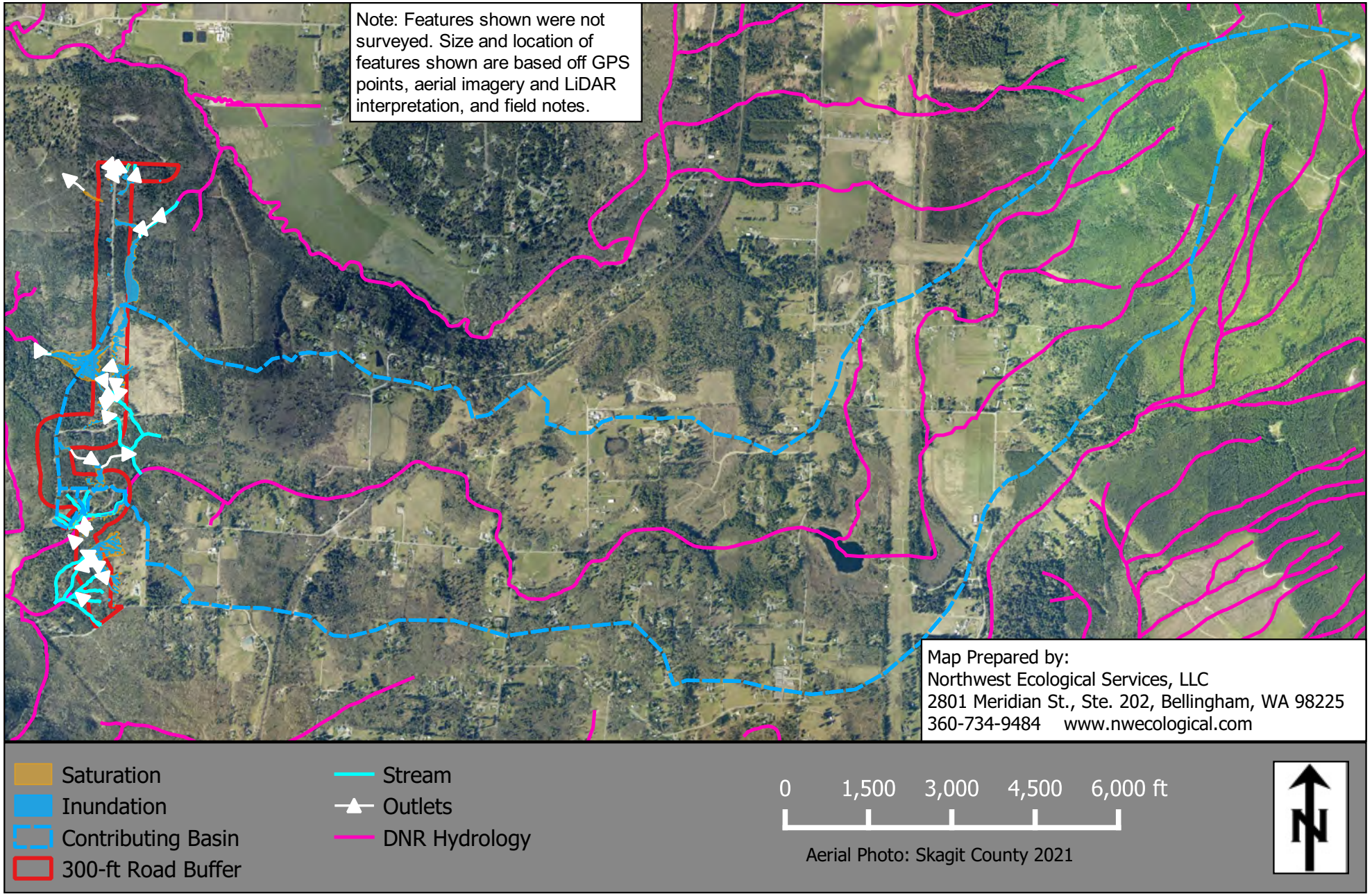

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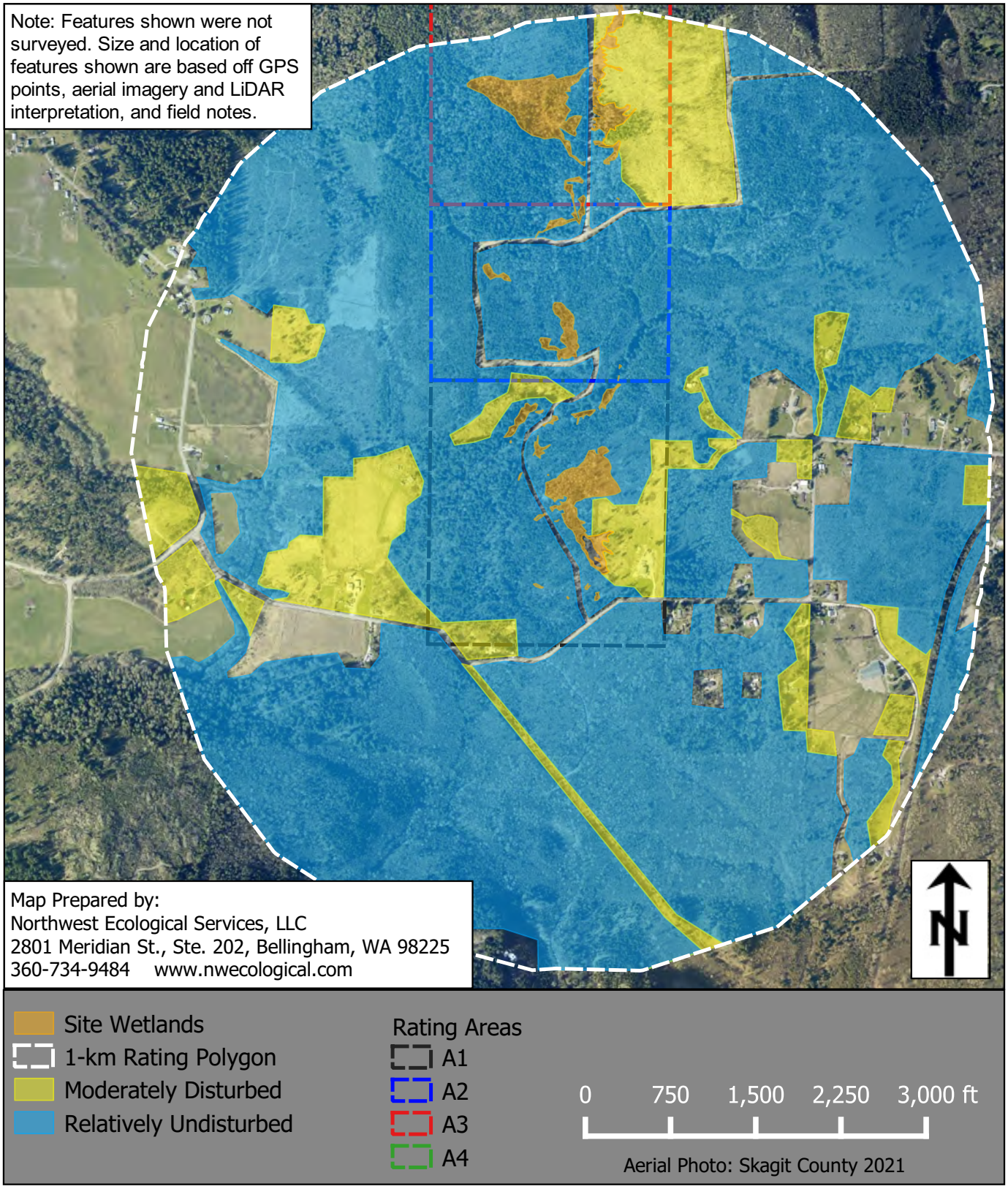

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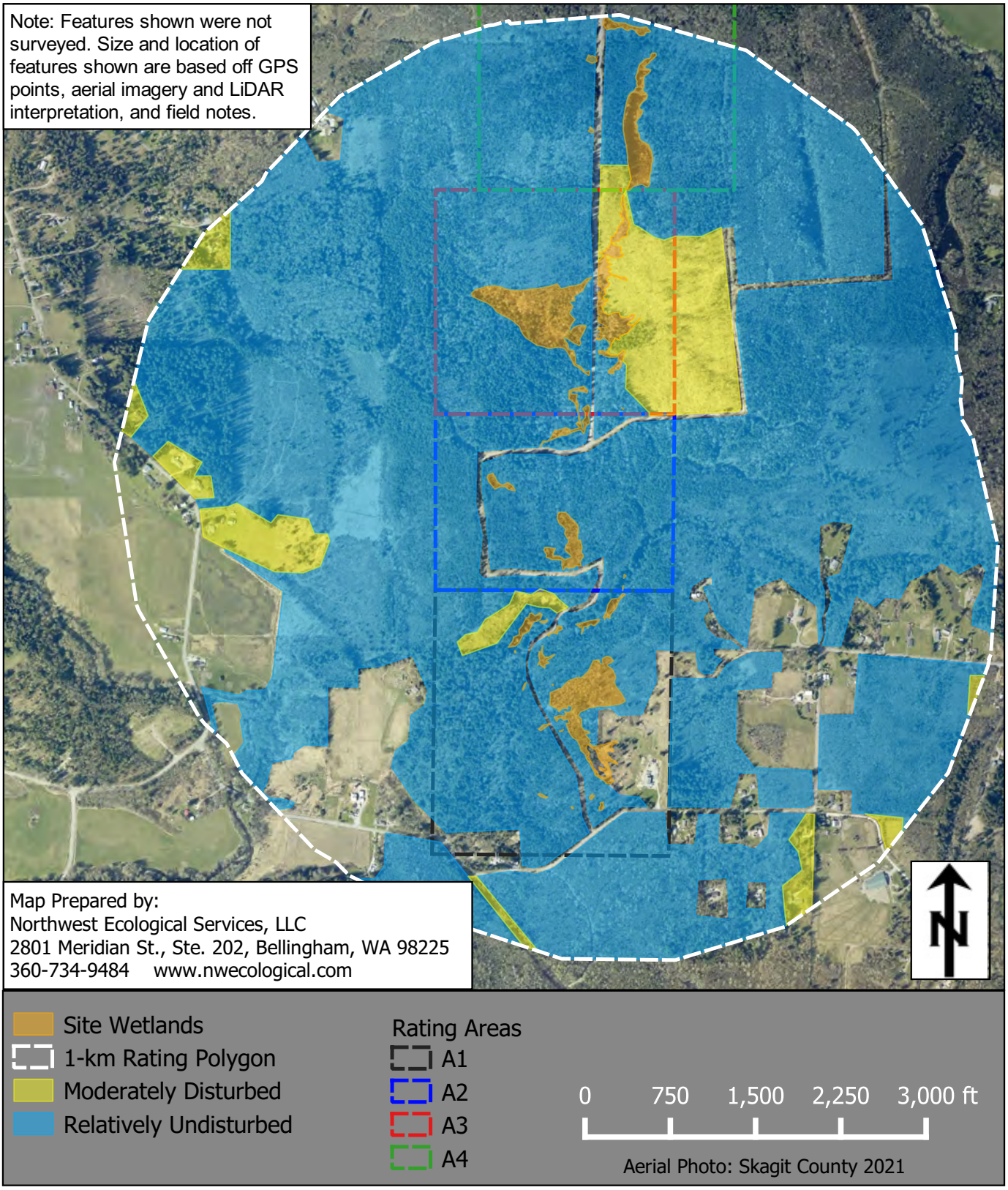

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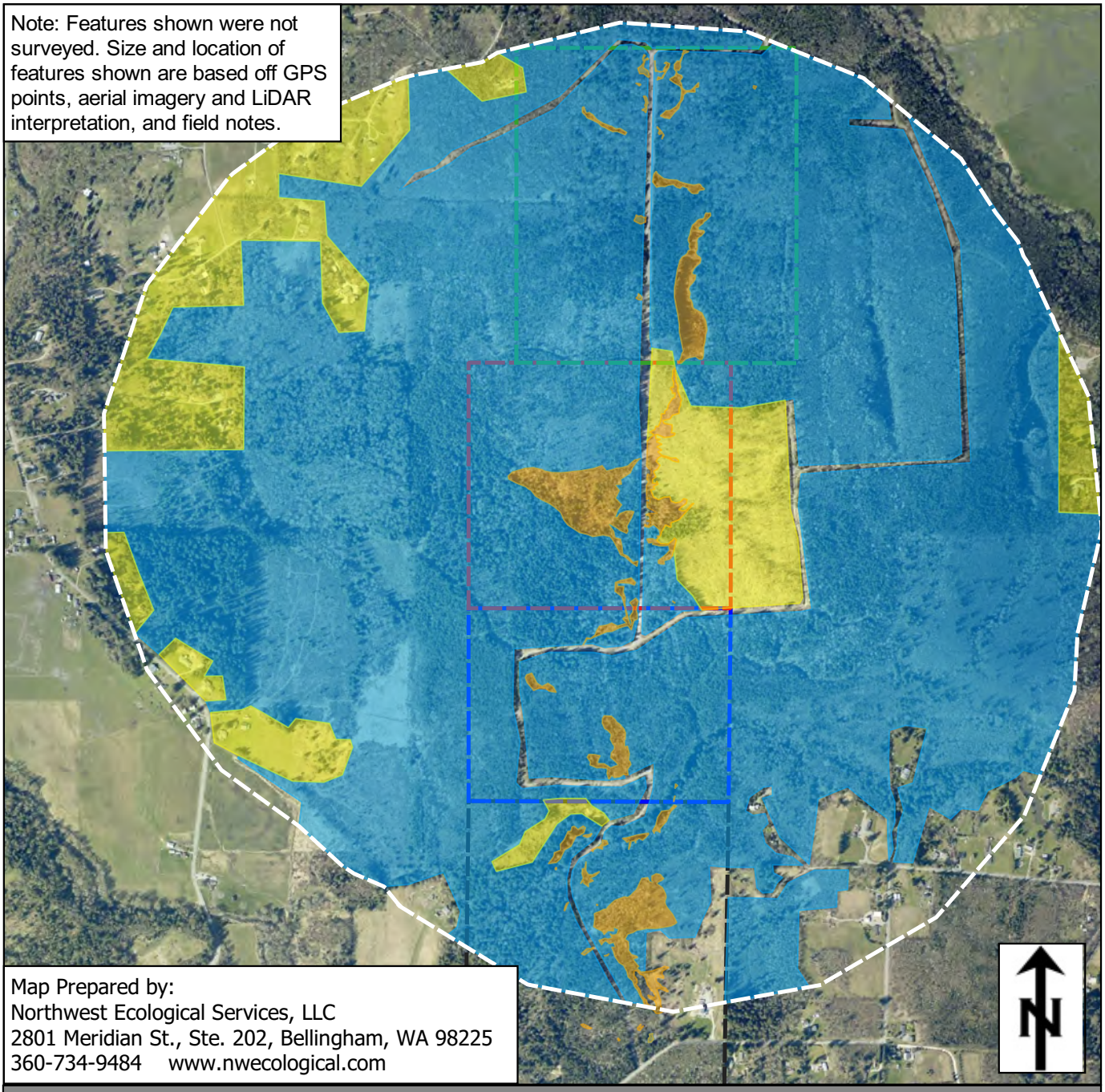

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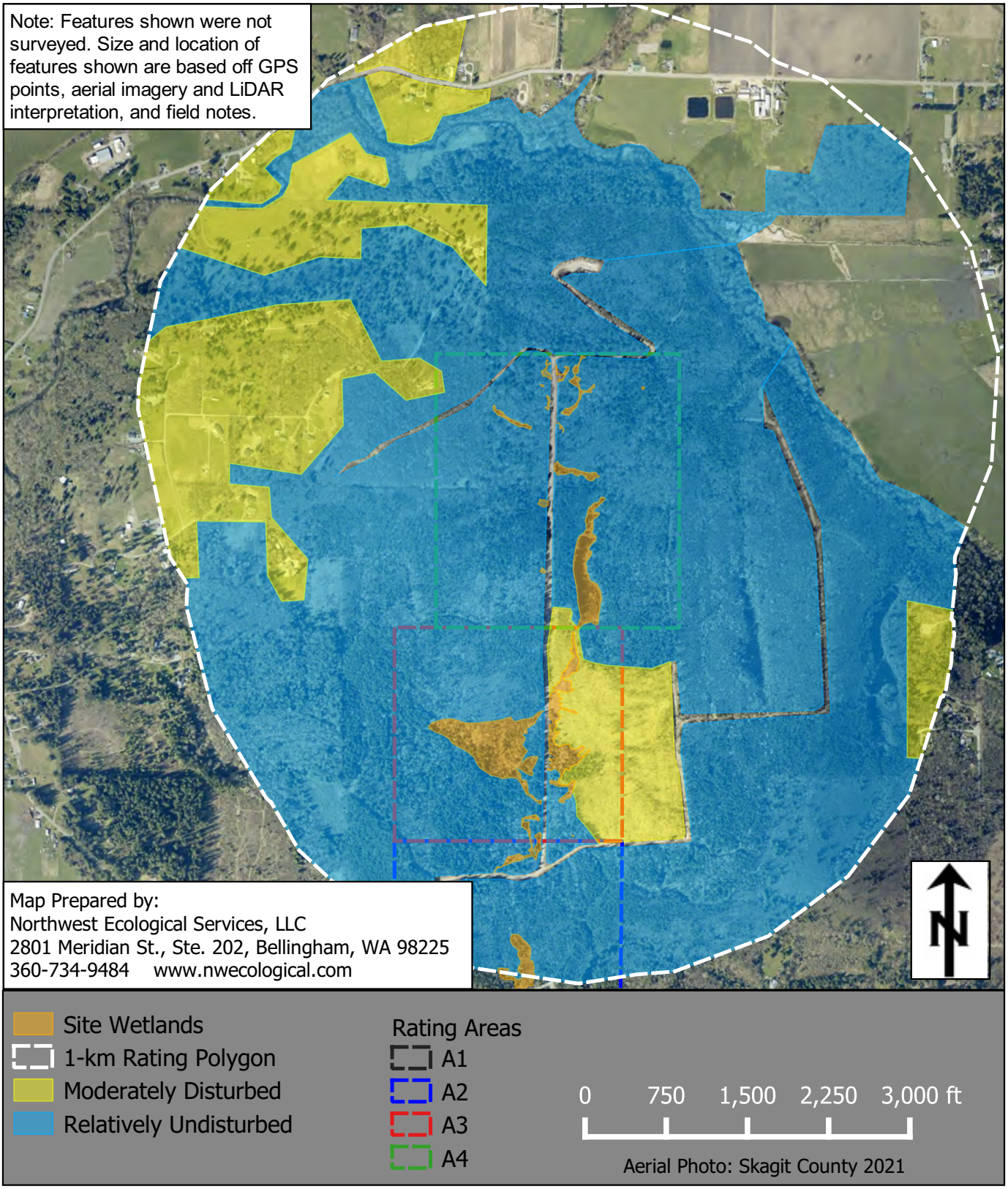

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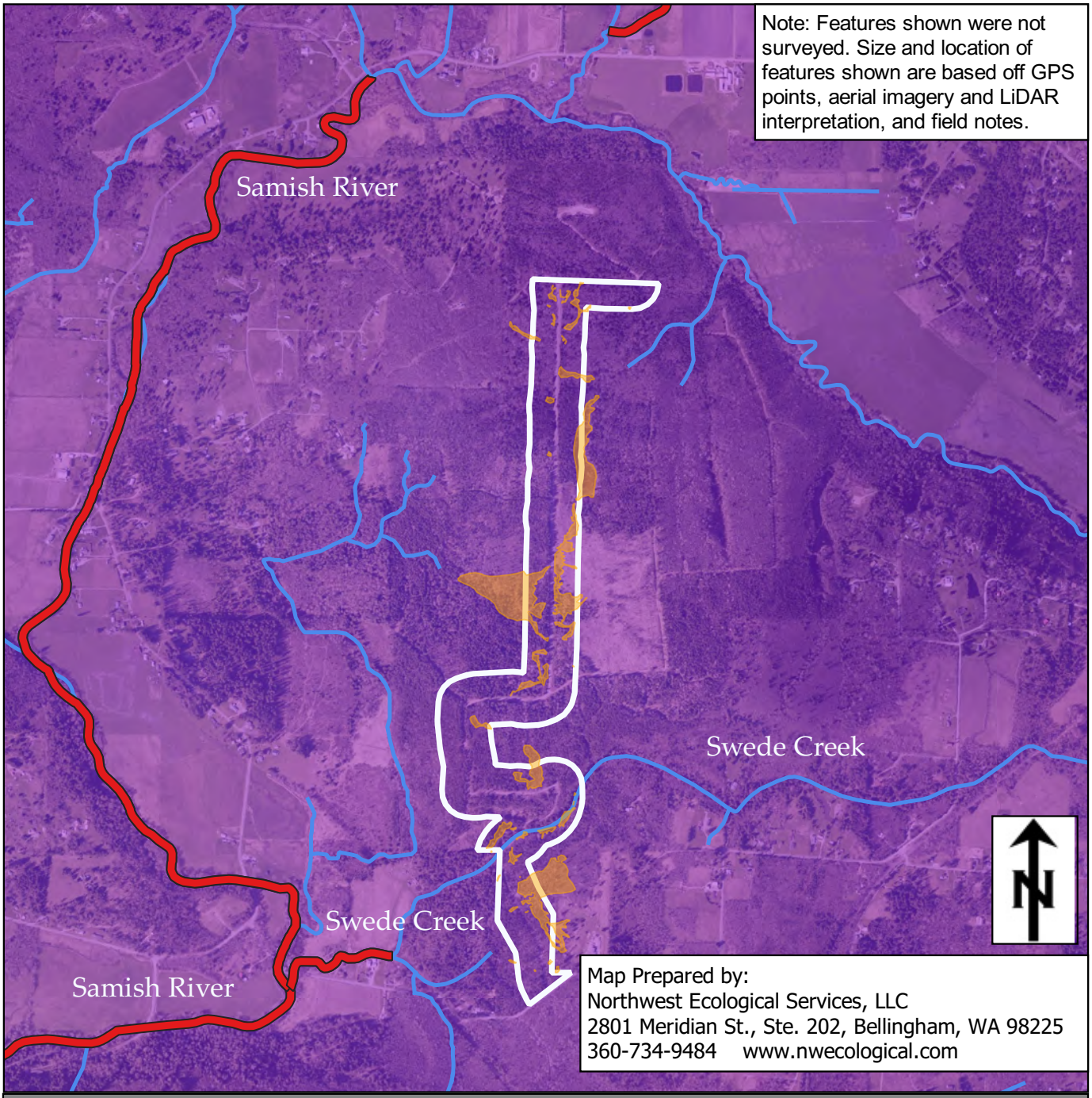

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