



# CRITICAL AREAS REPORT

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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Ecological Land Services, Inc. (ELS) has completed this wetland delineation at the request of Winters Anchor Point LLC, as part of the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) renewal process for the dredged material disposal site and mining of the dredged material. The approximately 387-acre general industrial zoned site is located within Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, Township 7N, Range 2W, W.M., in the City of Kelso, Cowlitz County, Washington and includes Cowlitz County Tax Parcels 24100, 24393, 24392, and 24092 (Figure 1). The study area for the critical areas delineation includes all of Parcels 24393 and 24092, the western three-quarters of Parcel 24100, and the northern portion of Parcel 24392 as shown on Figure 2. The wetland delineation field work for the majority of the study area occurred between July and August 2016 with a supplemental delineation conducted in November 2019. A site visit was conducted on March 20, 2020 to gather information to prepare a Habitat Management Plan for SSDP renewal and it was observed that wetland boundary conditions had not changed since the 2016 field work. This report summarizes findings of critical areas within the study area in accordance with the City of Kelso Municipal Code (KMC), *Title 17 Unified Development Code Chapter 17.26 Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Chapter 17.030 Shorelines* (2016), and with the City of Kelso Shoreline Master Program (SMP), *Appendix C, Shorelines Critical Areas Regulations, Chapter 1.3 General Provisions* (2016).

## **SITE DESCRIPTION**

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The approximately 387-acre property consists of two parcels (Cowlitz County Tax Parcels 24100, 24393, 24392, and 24092) zoned as general industrial (GI). The property is primarily vacant except a for the weigh station in current use located in the southeast corner of Parcel 24100. The Carrolls Channel, a side channel of the Columbia River, borders the property to the west, the Cowlitz River mouth borders to the north, and riparian lowlands border to the east and south, with the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad and Interstate 5 (I-5) extending generally north to south just east of the project site. A Bonneville Power Association (BPA) powerline corridor extends from the northwest to the southeast through the eastern portion of the property. Since 1980, the property has been used as a dredged disposal and dewatering site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) maintains permits to dredge 0.5 to 2.2 million cubic yards of sediment annually from the Cowlitz and Columbia Rivers for flood control. Dredge spoils are dewatered using temporary outfall structures that extend into the Carrolls Channel in the southwest corner of the site. Owl Creek Sand Company holds a Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) mining permit and currently operates a sand quarry onsite. A sand and/or gravel access road extends around the perimeter of the sand quarry area that also functions to contain the quarry and dewatering activities, protecting the surrounding riparian areas.

A narrow deciduous forested fringe extends along Carrolls Channel on the property. To the east and south of the project area are large, mostly undisturbed tracts of deciduous, lowland forest bounded by the BNSF Railroad and the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers. The forested tract to the east of the quarry is a mosaic of lowland forest and depressional wetland (Wetland A). A riverine wetland (Wetland E) extends along Carrolls Channel just north of the outfall. A



depressional/riverine wetland (Wetland B) is located south of the outfall. Wetlands were delineated in 2016. An approximately 3-acre man-made pond is located southeast of the sand quarry within Parcels 24393 and 24392. The pond was constructed in 1990 for aesthetics and as a water hazard for a previously proposed golf course development.

The Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers are considered Classification 1 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas per KMC 17.026. Both rivers are also designated as shorelines of statewide significance and are designated critical habitat for multiple species of salmonids, providing a migratory corridor in the vicinity of the project area. There is also an active bald eagle nest within the riparian forest fringe along Carrolls Channel.

## **METHODOLOGY**

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### ***Critical Areas Delineation***

The wetland delineation followed the Routine Determination Method according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, *Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys and Coast Region (Version 2.0)* (U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center 2010).

The Routine Determination Method examines three parameters—vegetation, soils, and hydrology—to determine if wetlands exist in a given area. Hydrology is critical in determining what is wetland, but is often difficult to assess because hydrologic conditions can change periodically (hourly, daily, or seasonally). Consequently, it is necessary to determine if hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soils are present, which would indicate that water is present for long enough duration to support a wetland plant community. By definition, wetlands are those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands are regulated as “Waters of the United States” by the Corps and as “Waters of the State” by the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), and locally by *KMC Chapter 17.26 and 17.030*.

The 2016 delineation encompassed a much larger area surrounding the dredge material disposal and mining site. Wetland names have been kept consistent with that delineation, therefore are not consecutively ordered. In 2019 a corridor spanning from the eastern boundary of the project site to the BSNF railroad was re-evaluated for wetlands and boundaries were surveyed by Gibbs & Olson (Figure 2). ELS biologists also conducted a site visit in March 2020 to verify that the boundaries along Wetland E in proximity to the outfall location remained the same, as well as to inventory habitat conditions in the outfall area. No changes in the boundary of Wetland E were observed.

Vegetation, soil, and hydrology information was collected from 49 test plots to determine the location and extent of the wetlands in the study area (Appendix A). Wetland boundaries were flagged with consecutively numbered, pink flagging and mapped with a hand-held GPS unit with

sub-meter accuracy or surveyed where indicated on Figure 2. Test plot locations were also flagged and GPS coordinates taken. Additionally, the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers was identified using existing LIDAR data from the Puget Sound LiDAR Consortium (PSLC) 2016. The elevation designated as the OHWM was determined to be 14.6-feet above sea level. Gibbs & Olsen surveyed the OHWM and determined it to be 14.23-feet above sea level.

## **VEGETATION**

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Vegetation observed during the site visit are recorded on the attached wetland determination data forms (Appendix A). The indicator status, following the scientific names, indicates the likelihood of the species to be found in wetlands. Listed from most likely to least likely to be found in wetlands, the indicator status categories are:

- **OBL** (obligate wetland) - occur almost always under natural conditions in wetlands.
- **FACW** (facultative wetland) - usually occur in wetlands, but occasionally found in non-wetlands.
- **FAC** (facultative) - equally likely to occur in wetlands or non-wetlands.
- **FACU** (facultative upland) - usually occur in non-wetlands, but occasionally found in wetlands.
- **UPL** (obligate upland) - occur almost always under natural conditions in non-wetlands.
- **NI** (no indicator) - insufficient data to assign to an indicator category.

### ***Uplands***

The interior of the property consists of sandy dredge spoils. Outside the actively mined area, vegetation is sparse and consists of red alder (*Alnus rubra*, FAC) saplings, Scot's broom (*Cytisus scoparius*, FACU), various blackberries (*Rubus sp.* FAC to FACU), and weedy forbs and grasses. A narrow deciduous forested fringe extends along Carrolls Channel on the property. To the east and south of the project area are large, mostly undisturbed tracts of deciduous, lowland forest. Upland forested species consist of black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera*, FAC), red alder, Scot's broom, red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*, FACW), common snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*, FACU), reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*, FACW), and blackberries.

### ***Wetlands***

Vegetation found in the wetland test plots consists primarily of black cottonwood, red alder, Pacific willow (*Salix lasiandra*, FACW), Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*, FACW), Nootka rose (*Rosa nutkana*, FAC), Sitka willow (*Salix sitchensis*, FACW), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*, FACW), reed canarygrass, slough sedge (*Carex obnupta*, OBL), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*, FACW), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*, FAC), and yellow pond-lily (*Nuphar lutea*, OBL) was present in a portion of Wetland A.

## SOILS

The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) map depicts three soil units in the study area: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (17), Clato silty loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (32), and Newberg fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (141) (Figure 3). Newberg fine sandy loam is mapped along the northwestern property boundary along the Cowlitz River, Caples silty clay loam is the dominant soil type and is depicted across the majority of the property, and Clato silt loam is mapped in the lower elevation along the eastern portion of the property. The majority of the Caples silty clay loam has been covered by dredge spoils. The NRCS soil survey data is summarized in Table 1 below. Specific soil information is recorded on the attached wetland determination data forms (Appendix A).

**Table 1. Summary of NRCS Soil Survey Data**

Soil Series	Unit Symbol	Percent Slope	Drainage Description	Hydric Soil
Caples silty clay loam	17	0-3	Somewhat poorly drained	Yes
Clato silt loam	32	0-3	Well drained	No
Newberg fine sandy loam	141	0-3	Well drained	No

Evaluated wetland soils within Wetland A generally consisted of dark grayish brown (10YR4/2) or dark gray (10YR4/1) clay loam with redoximorphic (redox) features occurring as pore linings and concentrations. Hydric soil indicator F3 Depleted Matrix was met in all the wetland test plots. Soils within the paired upland plots generally had a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy silt loam or clay loam layer over top a depleted layer (10YR 4/2 with redox concentrations) beginning deeper in the profile. Some upland test plots did meet hydric soil indicator F3; however, they did not meet wetland hydrology criteria.

Test plots were sampled throughout Wetland B during the 2016 delineation; however, none were located within the dredge disposal site property boundaries. One upland test plot was located taken north of Wetland B, just south of the outfall location that contained a layer of very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silt loam over a very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) layer. The lower layer contained pore linings; however, the percentage was too low to meet hydric soil criteria.

Wetland E soils consisted of dark grayish brown (10YR4/2) silt loam and gray (10YR 6/1) silt with pore linings. Soils within the paired upland plots consisted of very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) over very dark gray (10YR 3/2) silty clay loams (Wet E TP-2) or dark grayish brown (10YR4/2) sand (Wet E TP-4). Wet E TP-2 met hydric soil indicator F6 Redox Dark Surface; however, the plot did not meet wetland hydrology criteria.

## HYDROLOGY

Wetland A is supported by a seasonally high groundwater table and precipitation. An approximately 3-foot high perched 24-inch culvert connects Wetland A to Wetland A1 allowing

primarily one-way flow. Hydroperiods of Wetland A consist of permanently flooded, seasonally flooded, and saturated only. During the July and August 2016 site visits encompassing the entirety of Wetland A, the following primary hydrology indicators were present within the test plots; Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), as well as the secondary hydrology indicators; Dry-Season Water Table (C2), and Geomorphic Position (D2). There was no surface water or saturation encountered in the additional test plots gathered in November 2019; however, primary indicator Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) was present along with secondary indicator Geomorphic Position (D2).

Wetlands B receives most of its hydrology from a seasonally high groundwater table, precipitation, surface runoff from surrounding uplands with occasional flooding from the Carrolls Channel of the Columbia River during periods of high water and high tide. Hydroperiods within the entirety of Wetland B consist of seasonally flooded, occasionally flooded, saturated only, and a permanently flowing stream adjacent to the wetland. During the July and August 2016 site visits, the primary hydrology indicators were present within the wetland test plots; Surface Soil Cracks (B6), Oxidized Rhizospheres (C3), and secondary hydrology indicator Geomorphic Position (D2).

Wetland E receives the majority of its hydrology from the Carrolls Channel during high tide and during periods of high water. It is also supported to a lesser extent by a seasonally high groundwater table, and precipitation. Hydroperiods of Wetland E consists of seasonally flooded, occasionally flooded, saturated only, and a permanently flowing stream adjacent to the wetland. During the 2016 site visit, the primary hydrology indicator present within the wetland test plots was Oxidized Rhizospheres (C3), as well as the secondary hydrology indicator Geomorphic Position (D2).

### ***Non-Jurisdictional Man-Made Pond***

The man-made pond receives hydrology from a seasonally high groundwater table, surface runoff, and precipitation and likely holds water as a result of the original soils comprising the unconsolidated bottom rather than sand fill like surrounding soils.

## **NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY**

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps multiple wetland types over most of the property including PSSA<sup>1</sup>, PEM1J<sup>2</sup>, PEM1C, PEM1R<sup>3</sup>, PSSR<sup>4</sup>, PSS2Js<sup>5</sup>, R1USQ<sup>6</sup>, and PEM1Ch<sup>7</sup>. ELS did not observe any wetlands within the dredge spoil area, which is visible on aerial imagery beneath the NWI overlay. Wetland A was located east of the road around the dredge disposal

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<sup>1</sup> P=Palustrine, SS=Scrub-Shrub, A=Temporary Flooded

<sup>2</sup> P=Palustrine, EM=Emergent, 1=Persistent, J=Intermittently Flooded

<sup>3</sup> P=Palustrine, EM=Emergent, 1=Persistent, R=Seasonally Flooded-Tidal

<sup>4</sup> P=Palustrine, SS=Scrub-Shrub, R=Seasonally Flooded-Tidal

<sup>5</sup> P=Palustrine, SS=Scrub-Shrub, 2=Needle-leaved deciduous, J= Intermittently Flooded, s=Spoil

<sup>6</sup> R=Riverine, 1=Tidal, US=Unconsolidated Shore, Q=Regularly Flooded

<sup>7</sup> P=Palustrine, EM=Emergent, 1=Persistent, C=Seasonally Flooded, h=diked/impounded

area and Wetland B is located south of the dredge disposal area. NWI mapping within the subject property likely occurred prior to historic dredge spoil placement on the property. NWI maps are typically used to gather wetland information about a region and due to the large scale necessary for regional mapping, are limited in accuracy for localized analyses.

## **CRITICAL AREAS SUMMARY**

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Four jurisdictional wetlands (Wetlands A, A1, B, and E) and one man-made pond were delineated within the study area. Wetlands A and B continue outside the study area and are part of large wetland complexes. Wetland E extends offsite to the Carrolls Channel. The wetlands were rated According to the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington – 2014 Update* (rating form). The wetland buffers extending onsite are functionally isolated by the perimeter road. Landward of the road, vegetation is generally maintained and removed either by placement or removal of dredge spoils. The OHWM of the Cowlitz River and Carrolls Channel, both Shoreline waters, was delineated on the property. The FEMA 100-year floodplain is also shown on Figure 2. In accordance with the City of Kelso SMP, shoreline jurisdiction extends 200 feet from the OHWM or the 100-year floodplain, whichever is greater. Appendix C of the *SMP Shoreline Critical Areas Regulations Section 3.H Table 4*. lists the reach-specific shoreline buffers. The reach numbers of the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers within the project area are designated as KS-02 and KS-03, respectively. Wetland buffers are listed in *Section 2.D* of Appendix C in the SMP and are based on the habitat score from the rating form. Wetland and waterbody characteristics are discussed below and are summarized in Tables 2 and 3.

### Wetland A (37.84 acres in study area)

Wetland A, an aquatic bed, emergent, scrub-shrub, and forested depressional wetland, was delineated along the eastern portion of the study area that continues offsite to the north and south. The wetland was bordered by an obvious change in elevation and vegetation. The wetland area in the study area is dominated by black cottonwood, Oregon ash, Pacific willow, trailing blackberry, red alder, red-osier dogwood, reed canarygrass, and yellow pond lily. Wetland A receives the majority of its hydrology from a seasonally high groundwater table, precipitation, surface runoff from surrounding uplands. Hydroperiods of Wetland A consist of permanently flooded, seasonally flooded, and saturated only. The wetland provides flood storage and delay and groundwater recharge functions as well as wildlife habitat and water quality improvement. According to the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update*; Wetland A is a Category II wetland scoring 8 points for water quality functions, 4 points for hydrologic functions, and 8 points for habitat functions for a total of 20 points. Buffer width is listed in Table 2 below.

### Wetland A1 (0.15 acres)

Wetland A1 receives the majority of its hydrology from a seasonally high groundwater table, precipitation, surface runoff from surrounding uplands. An approximately 3-foot high perched 24-inch culvert connects Wetland A1 to Wetland A allowing primarily one-way flow. Hydroperiods of Wetland A1 consist of seasonally flooded, occasionally flooded, saturated only, and a permanently flowing stream adjacent to the wetland. During the site visit, the primary

hydrology indicator was present within the Wetland A1 test plot; Other (Wetland hydrology is assumed during the wet season due to hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and secondary hydrology indicators), as well as the secondary hydrology indicator; Geomorphic Position (D2). According to the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update*; Wetland A1 is a Category IV wetland scoring 7 points for water quality functions, 3 points for hydrologic functions, and 4 points for habitat functions for a total of 14 points. Buffer width is listed in Table 2 below.

#### Wetland B (10.49 acres in study area)

Wetland B, an emergent, scrub-shrub, and forested depressional and riverine wetland, was delineated in the southern portion of the study area and continues offsite to the south and east. The wetland was bordered by an obvious change in elevation and vegetation. The wetland area in the study area is dominated by black cottonwood, Oregon ash, red alder, Nootka rose, red-osier dogwood, common snowberry, trailing blackberry, reed canarygrass, creeping buttercup, and slough sedge. Wetland B receives the majority of its hydrology from a seasonally high groundwater table, precipitation, and surface runoff from surrounding uplands. Additionally, the fringe portion of Wetland B along the Carrolls Channel of the Columbia River experiences tidal inundation and occasional flooding. Hydroperiods of Wetland B consist of seasonally flooded, occasionally flooded, saturated only, and a permanently flowing stream adjacent to the wetland. The wetland provides flood storage and delay and groundwater recharge functions as well as wildlife habitat and water quality improvement. According to the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update*; Wetland B is a Category III wetland scoring 7 points for water quality functions, 3 points for hydrologic functions, and 8 points for habitat functions for a total of 18 points. Buffer width is listed in Table 2 below.

#### Wetland E (6.83 acres in study area)

Wetland E, an emergent, scrub-shrub, and forested riverine wetland, was delineated along the western site boundary along the Carrolls Channel. Of the Columbia River. The wetland was bordered by an obvious change in elevation and vegetation. The wetland area onsite is dominated by black cottonwood, red-osier dogwood, Scouler willow, red-osier dogwood, trailing blackberry, and reed canarygrass, Wetland E receives the majority of its hydrology from tidal inundation and occasional flooding from the Carrolls Channel of the Columbia River, as well as a seasonally high groundwater table, and precipitation. Hydroperiods of Wetland E consists of seasonally flooded, occasionally flooded, saturated only, and a permanently flowing stream adjacent to the wetland. The wetland provides flood storage and delay and groundwater recharge functions. According to the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update*; Wetland E is a Category III wetland scoring 7 points for water quality functions, 5 points for hydrologic functions, and 6 points for habitat functions for a total of 18 points. Buffer width is listed in Table 2 below.

#### Non-Jurisdictional Man-Made Pond (3.81 acres in study area)

A man-made pond was located southeast of the sand quarry. The pond was constructed in 1990 for aesthetics and as a water hazard for a previously proposed golf course development. The pond was bordered by an obvious change in elevation and vegetation. Vegetation within the pond and around the immediate perimeter was dominated by red alder, Scot's broom, evergreen

blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus* FACU), American willow-herb (*Epilobium ciliatum*, FAC), toad rush (*Juncus bufonius*, FACW), creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*, FAC), slough sedge, birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*, FAC), and Himalayan blackberry (*R. armeniacus*, FAC). The pond receives hydrology from a seasonally high groundwater table, surface runoff, and precipitation and likely holds water as a result of the original soils comprising the unconsolidated bottom rather than sand fill like surrounding soils. According to KMC and Appendix C of the SMP, maintenance of intentionally created artificial wetlands or surface water systems such as landscape or ornamental amenities is excluded from critical area requirements (*Chapter 17.26.050 and SMP Chapter 1.2(A7)*) (Kelso 2016). KMC and the SMP also designate any activities occurring in nonregulated or non-jurisdictional wetlands, exempt from regulations. Additionally, in the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Water Rule, small ornamental waters created by excavating for primarily aesthetic reasons are proposed for exclusion from the Clean Water Act (Federal Register 2015). Ultimate authority regarding the jurisdictional determination of this wetland will be decided by the regulatory agencies.

**Table 2. Summary of Wetlands.**

Wetland	Size in Study Area	Category <sup>1</sup> /HGM Class <sup>2</sup> /Cowardin Class <sup>3</sup>	Habitat Score <sup>4</sup>	Buffer Width <sup>5</sup>
A	37.84 acres	II/Depressional/ Aquatic Bed, Emergent, Scrub-Shrub, Forested	8	225
A1	0.15 acres	IV/Depressional/Emergent, Scrub-Shrub	4	40
B	10.49 acres	III/Depressional and Riverine/ Emergent, Scrub-Shrub, Forested	8	240
E	6.83 acres	III/Riverine/ Emergent, Scrub-Shrub, Forested	7	180
Man-Made Pond	3.81 acres	Non-Jurisdictional	N/A	Exempt
<sup>1</sup> Hruby 2014 <sup>2</sup> NRCS 2008 <sup>3</sup> Cowardin et al. 1979 <sup>4</sup> <i>Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update</i> <sup>5</sup> City of Kelso SMP Appendix C Table 1-A				

***Other Aquatic Resources***

The Carrolls Channel of the Columbia River and the Cowlitz River border the western and northern property boundaries, respectively. Additional information regarding the rivers can be found in the *Habitat Management Plan for the Anchor Point Cowlitz River Dredged Material Disposal Site* (ELS 2020).

**Cowlitz River**

The Cowlitz River, a Type S (Shoreline of the State) fish-bearing stream, is located along the northern boundary of the study area. The Cowlitz River, which is tidally influenced in the project area, contains stretches both up and downstream of the project site that are on the Ecology



303(d) List for temperature and arsenic (Ecology 2016). The Cowlitz is diked beginning miles upstream in Castle Rock and extending to the confluence with the Columbia River, which is located at the westernmost point of the study area. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Salmonscape website documents the presence of spring and fall Chinook, coho, fall chum, and steelhead in this reach of the Cowlitz (WDFW 2020). The City of Kelso’s Shoreline Master Plan designates the Cowlitz River as a “Shoreline of Statewide Significance”. The shoreline jurisdiction extends 200 feet from the OHWM or associated 100-year floodplain (Figure 2). The Cowlitz River is also considered a Classification 1, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area and is regulated under Appendix C *Shoreline Critical Areas Regulations* of the SMP. According to *Appendix C Section 3.H Table 4* of the SMP, water-oriented uses along KS-03 shorelines have a 100-foot shoreline buffer extending from the OHWM of the adjacent rivers or associated 100-year floodplain

Carrolls Channel

Carrolls Channel of the Columbia River, a Type S (Shoreline of the State) fish-bearing stream, is located along the southern boundary of the study area. The Carrolls Channel, which is tidally influenced, is identified on the Ecology 303(d) List for temperature and bisphthalate (Ecology 2016). The WDFW Salmonscape website documents the presence of Chinook, coho, fall chum, steelhead, sockeye, and bull trout in this reach of the Columbia (WDFW 2020). The City of Kelso’s Shoreline Master Plan designates the Columbia River, including Carrolls Channel, as a “Shoreline of Statewide Significance”. The shoreline jurisdiction extends 200-feet from the OHWM or associated 100-year floodplain (Figure 2). Carrolls Channel is also considered a Classification 1, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area according to the KMC and is regulated under Appendix C *Shoreline Critical Areas Regulations* of the SMP. According to *Appendix C Section 3.H Table 4* of the SMP, water-oriented uses along KS-02 shorelines have a 100-foot shoreline buffer extending from the OHWM of the adjacent rivers or associated 100-year floodplain.

**Table 3. Summary of Aquatic Resources.**

Aquatic Resource	Water Type and Classification <sup>1</sup>	Buffer
Cowlitz River	Classification 1 Type S (fish-bearing) Shoreline of Statewide Significance	100 feet (Water-oriented use)
Carrolls Channel (Columbia River)	Classification 1 Type S (fish-bearing) Shoreline of Statewide Significance	100 feet (Water-oriented use)

<sup>1</sup> City of Kelso SMP *Appendix C Section 3.H Table 4*

**LIMITATIONS**

ELS bases this report’s determinations on standard scientific methodology and best professional judgment. In our opinion, local, state, and federal regulatory agencies should agree with our determinations. However, the information contained in this report should be considered

preliminary and used at your own risk until it has been approved in writing by the appropriate regulatory agencies. ELS is not responsible for the impacts of any changes in environmental standards, practices, or regulations after the date of this report.

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## **Figures**

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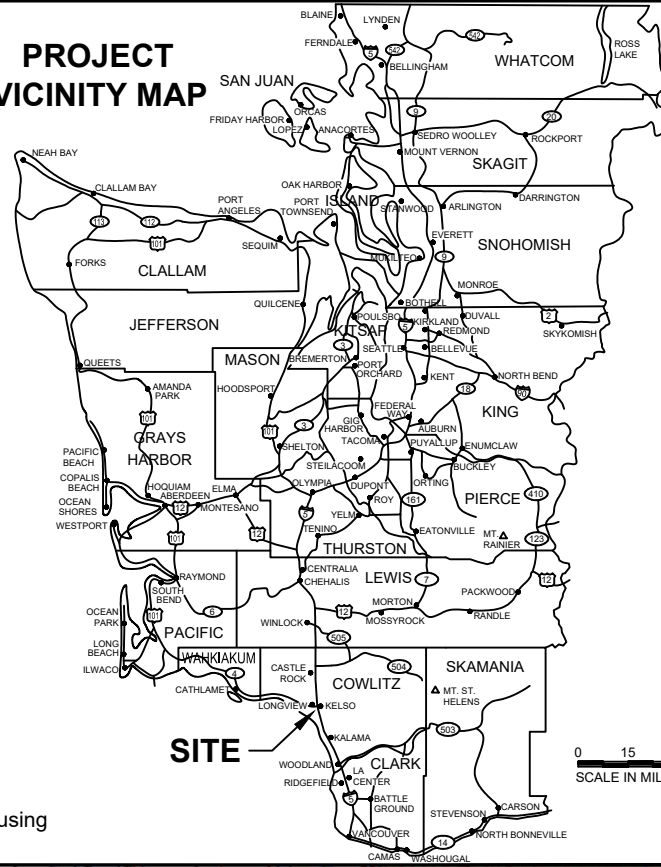
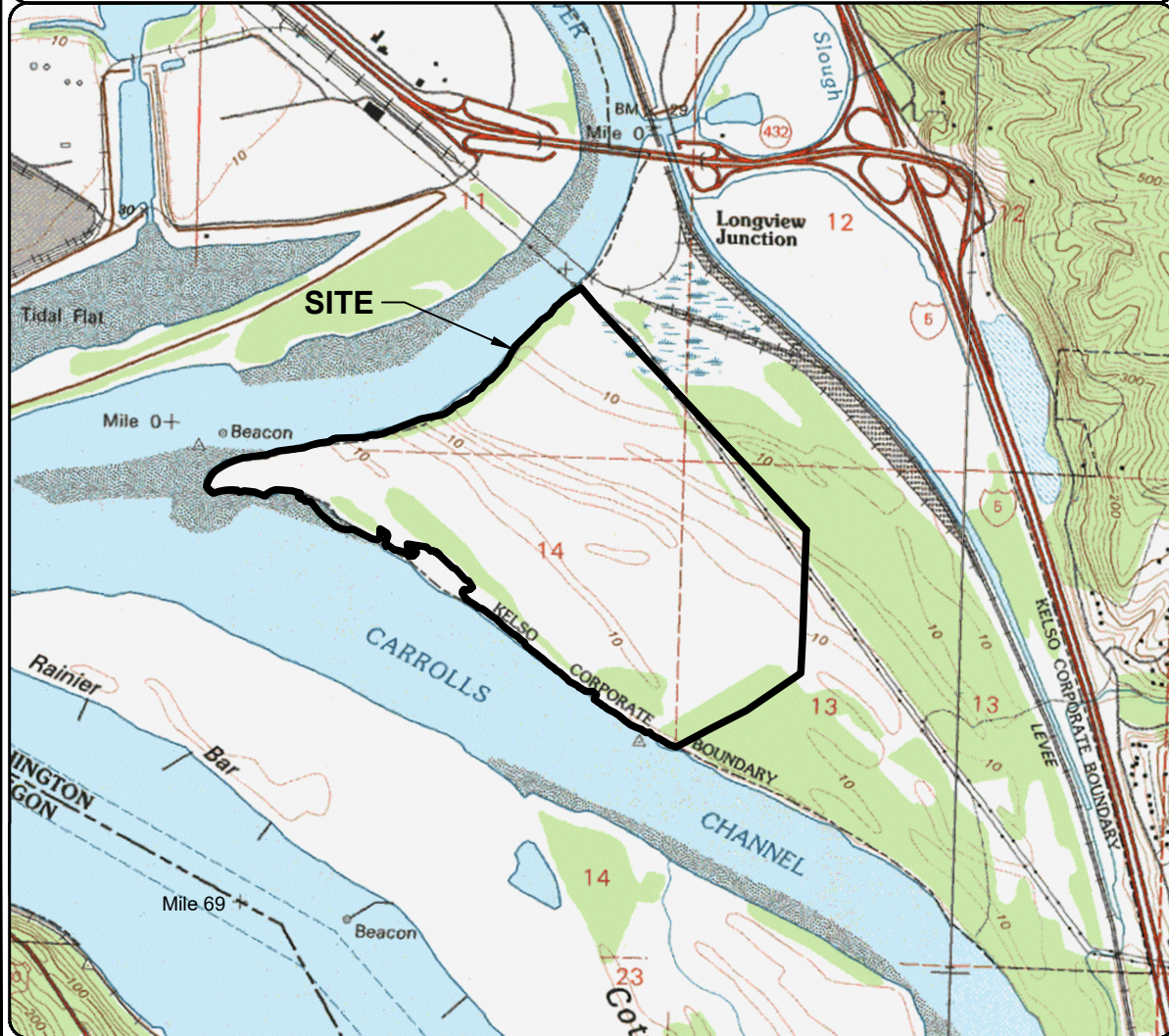
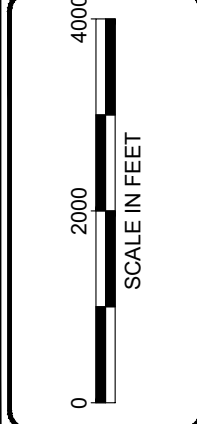


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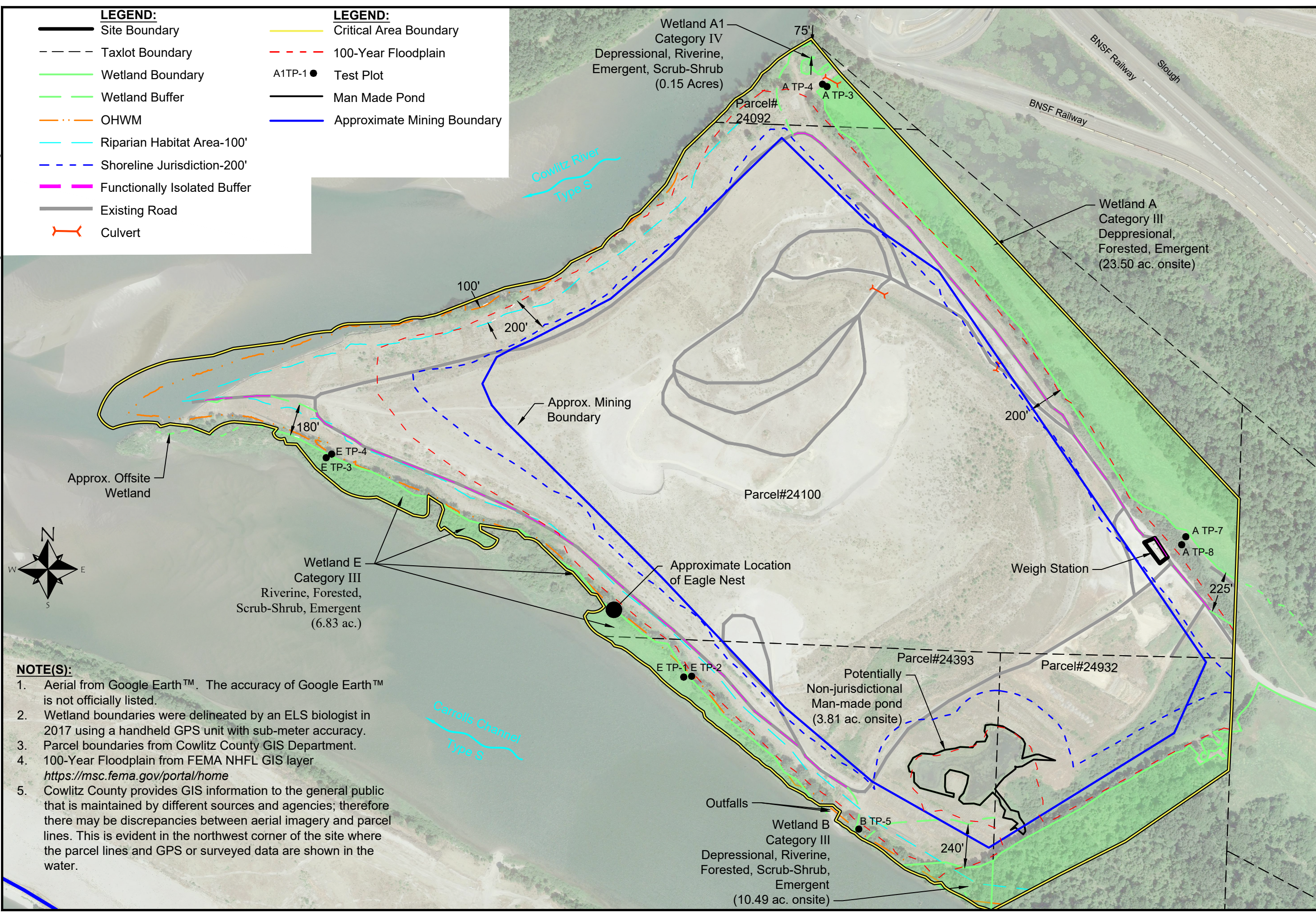
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| <b>LEGEND:</b>                 | <b>LEGEND:</b>                |
| — Site Boundary                | — Critical Area Boundary      |
| - - - Taxlot Boundary          | - - - 100-Year Floodplain     |
| — Wetland Boundary             | A1TP-1 ● Test Plot            |
| — Wetland Buffer               | — Man Made Pond               |
| - · - · - OHWM                 | — Approximate Mining Boundary |
| — Riparian Habitat Area-100'   |                               |
| — Shoreline Jurisdiction-200'  |                               |
| — Functionally Isolated Buffer |                               |
| — Existing Road                |                               |
| — Culvert                      |                               |



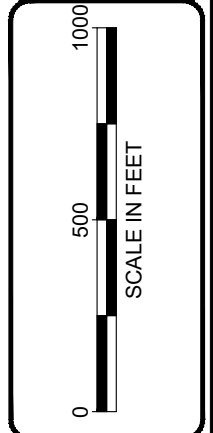
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  3. Parcel boundaries from Cowlitz County GIS Department.
  4. 100-Year Floodplain from FEMA NHFL GIS layer <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
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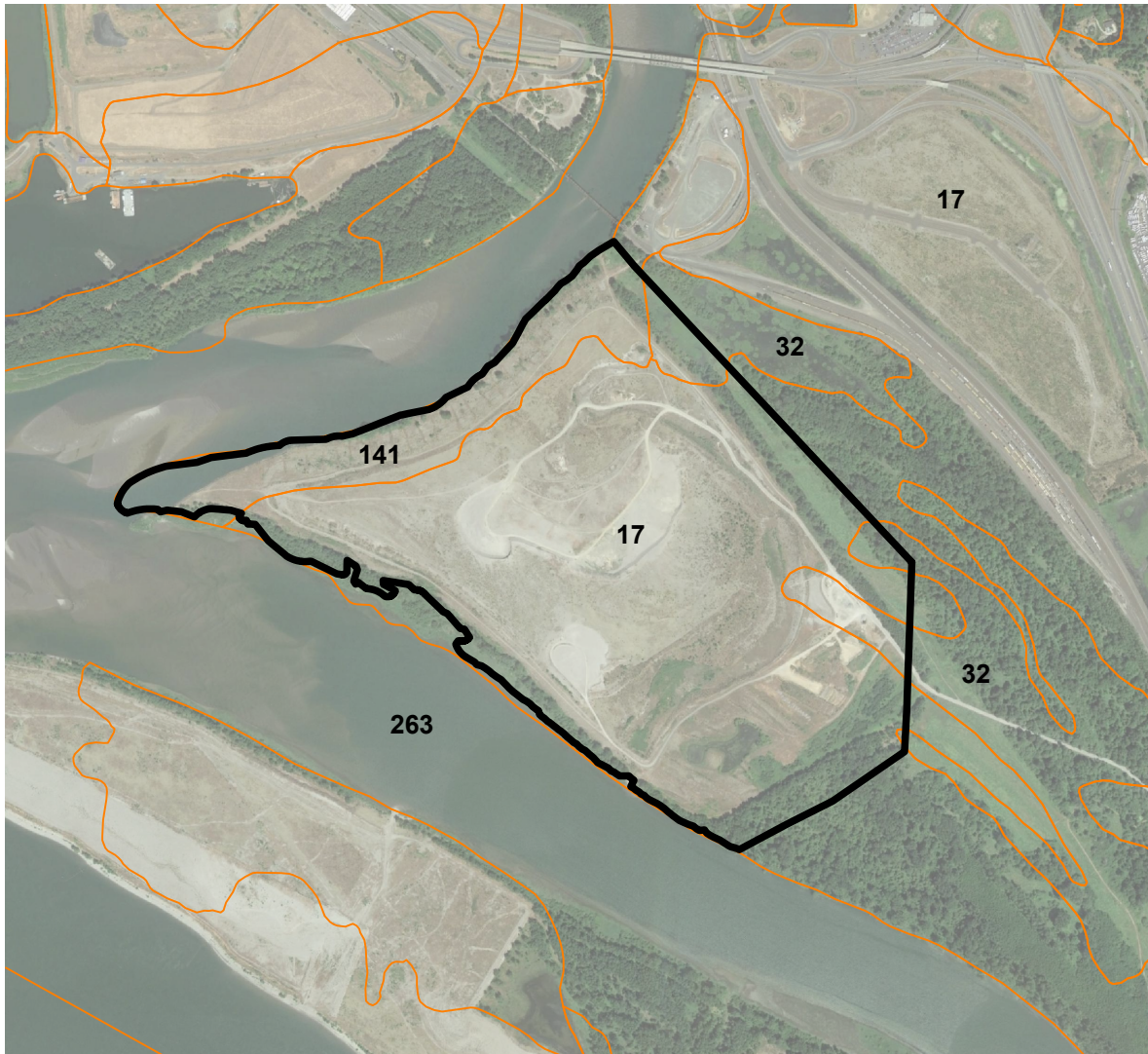
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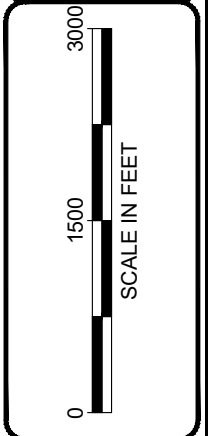
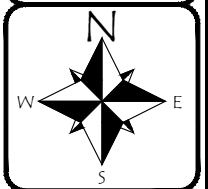


**LEGEND:**

- 17** Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes. **Hydric.**
- 32** Clato silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes. Not hydric.
- 141** Newberg fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes. Not hydric.
- 263** Water

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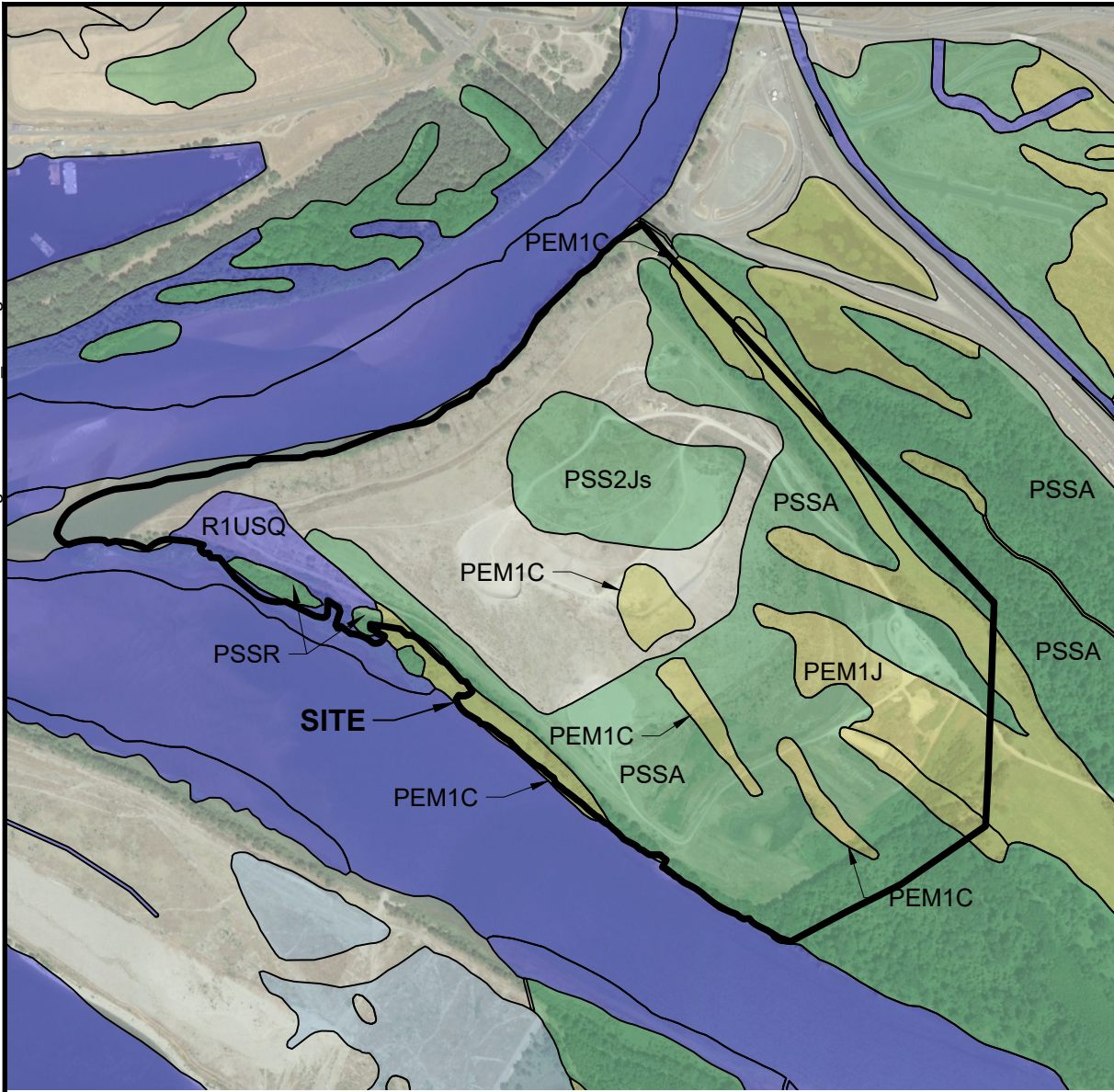


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



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 NRCS SOIL SURVEY  
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Mapped wetlands indicated onsite by US Fish & Wildlife Service.

**LEGEND:**

-  Freshwater Emergent Wetland
-  Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
-  Freshwater Pond
-  Riverine

- PEM1C** Palustrine, emergent, persistent, seasonally flooded.
- PEM1J** Palustrine, emergent, persistent, intermitently flooded.
- PSSA** Palustrine, scrub-shrub, temporary flooded.
- PSSR** Palustrine, scrub-shrub, seasonally flooded-tidal.
- PSS2Js** Palustrine, scrub-shrub, needle leaved deciduous, intermitently.
- R1USQ** Riverine, tidal, unconsolidated shore, regularly flooded.

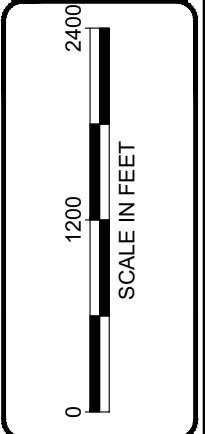
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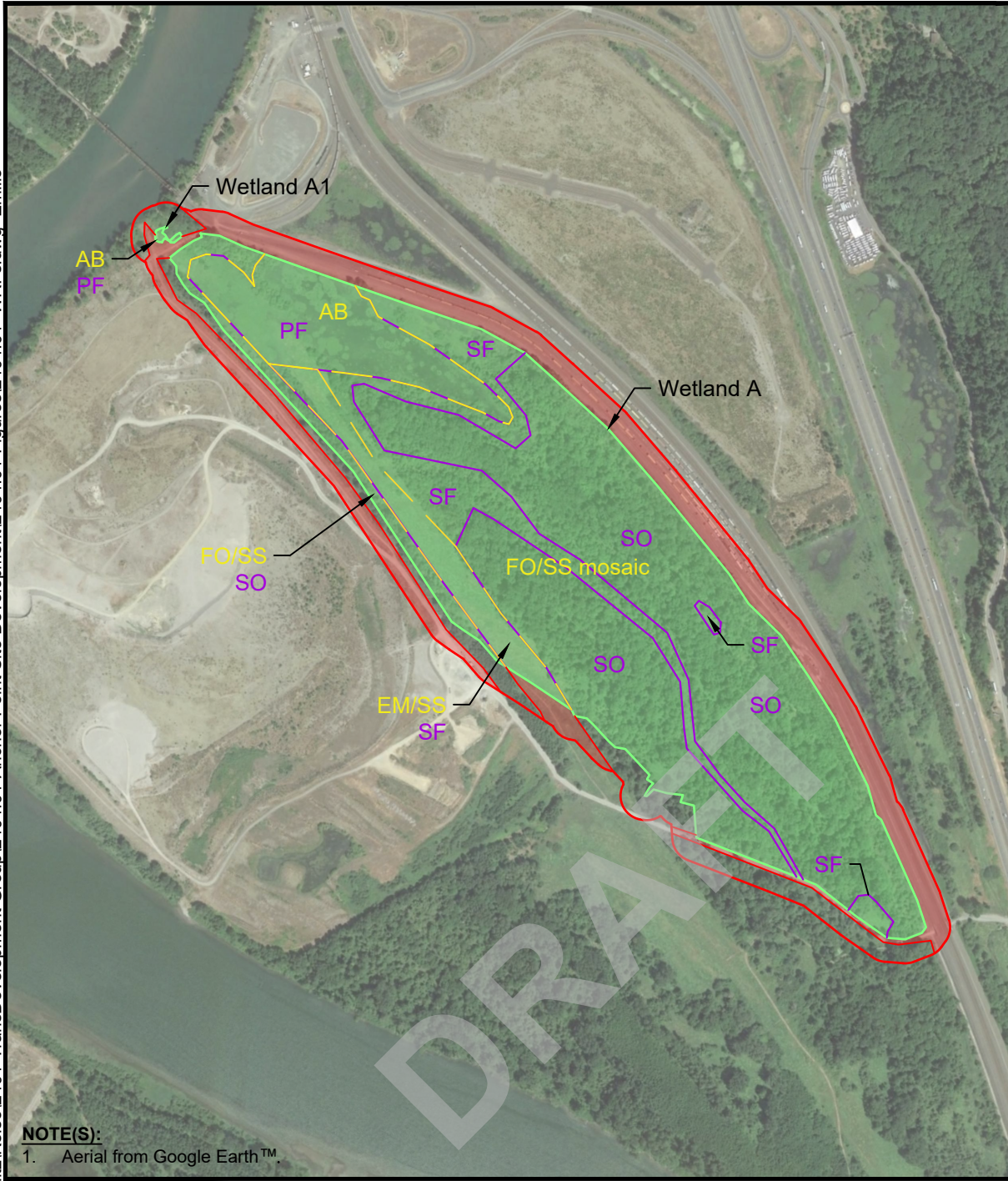
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**NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY**  
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- LEGEND:**
- Site/Project/Study Area/ or whatever
  - Wetland Unit Boundary
  - Vegetation Class Division
  - Hydroperiod Division
  - 150' Wetland Offset
  - Impervious surfaces/Generates Excess Runoff - 69.5%

**Cowardin Classes:**

- EM** Emergent
- SS** Scrub/shrub
- FO** Forested
- AB** Aquatic Bed

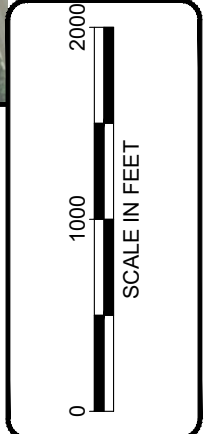
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- PF** Permanently flooded or inundated
- SF** Seasonally flooded or inundated
- SO** Saturated only

**Figure 5**  
**WETLAND A - 150' RATING FIGURE**  
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- Impervious surfaces/Generates Excess Runoff - 19.1%

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- EM** Emergent
- SS** Scrub/shrub
- FO** Forested

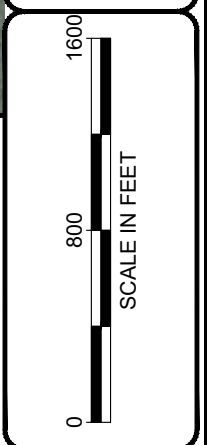
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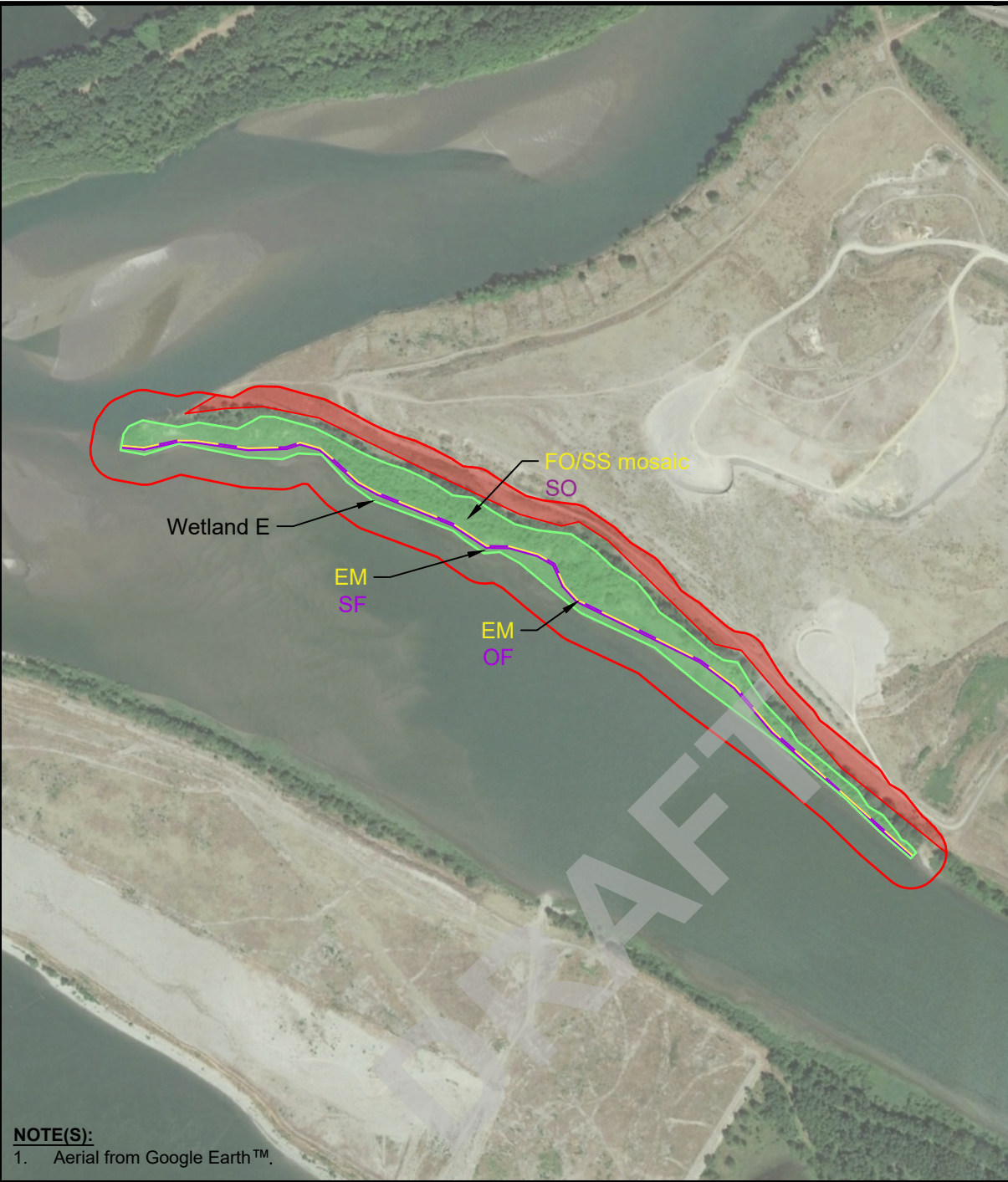
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  - Hydroperiod Division
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**Cowardin Classes:**

- EM** Emergent
- SS** Scrub/shrub
- FO** Forested

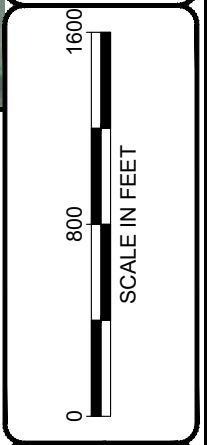
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- OF** Occasionally flooded or inundated
- SO** Saturated only

Figure 7  
**WETLAND E - 150' RATING FIGURE**  
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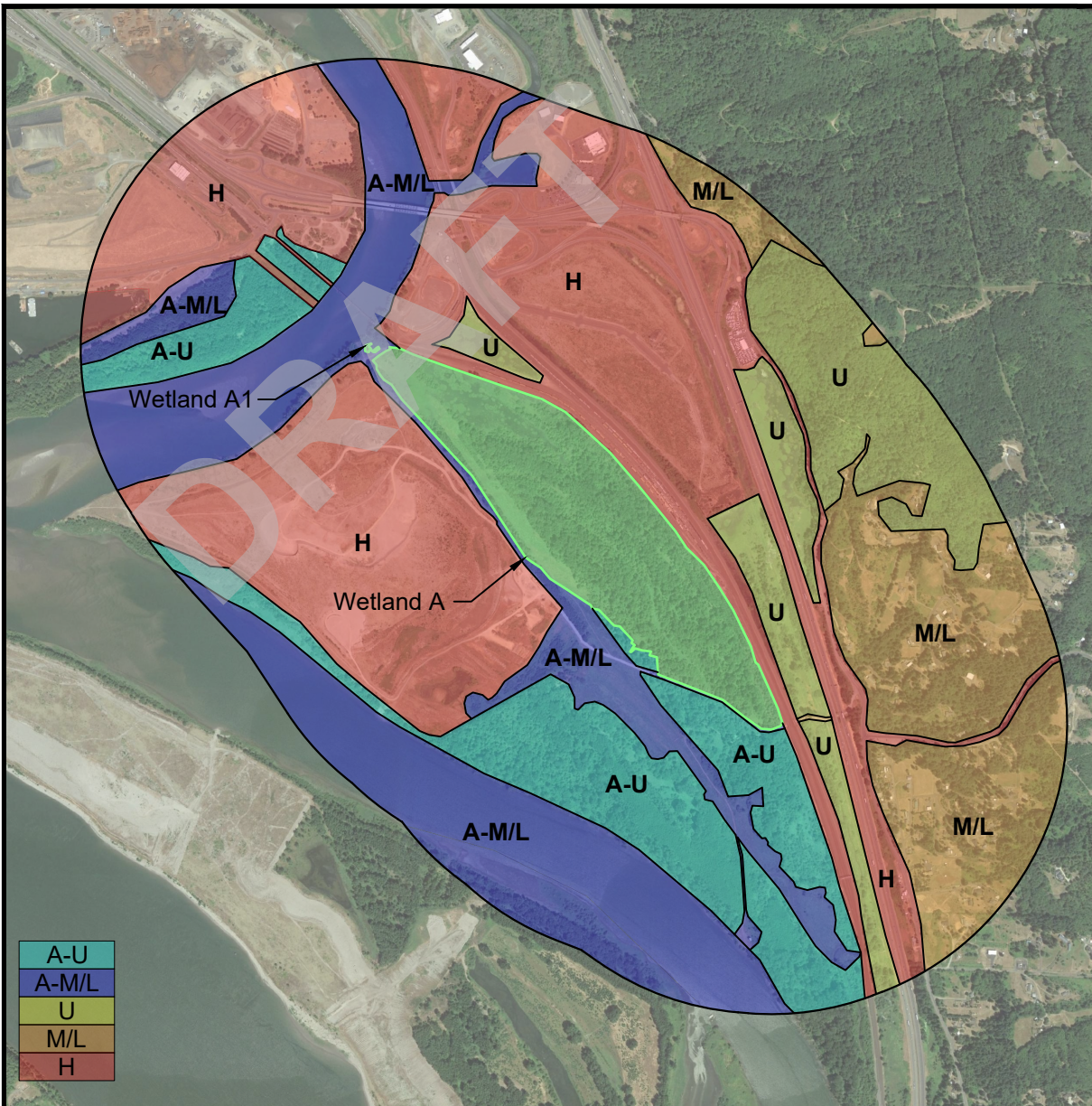
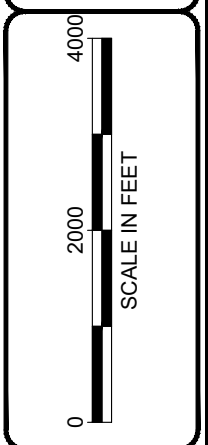


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**LEGEND:**

— Wetland Unit Boundary

**H2.1 Accessible Habitat**

A-U A-U (12.9%)  
 A-M/L A-M/L (21.7%)

**H2.2 Undisturbed Habitat**

U U (9.9%)  
 M/L M/L (13.3%)

**H2.3 Land Use Intensity**

H H (42.2%)

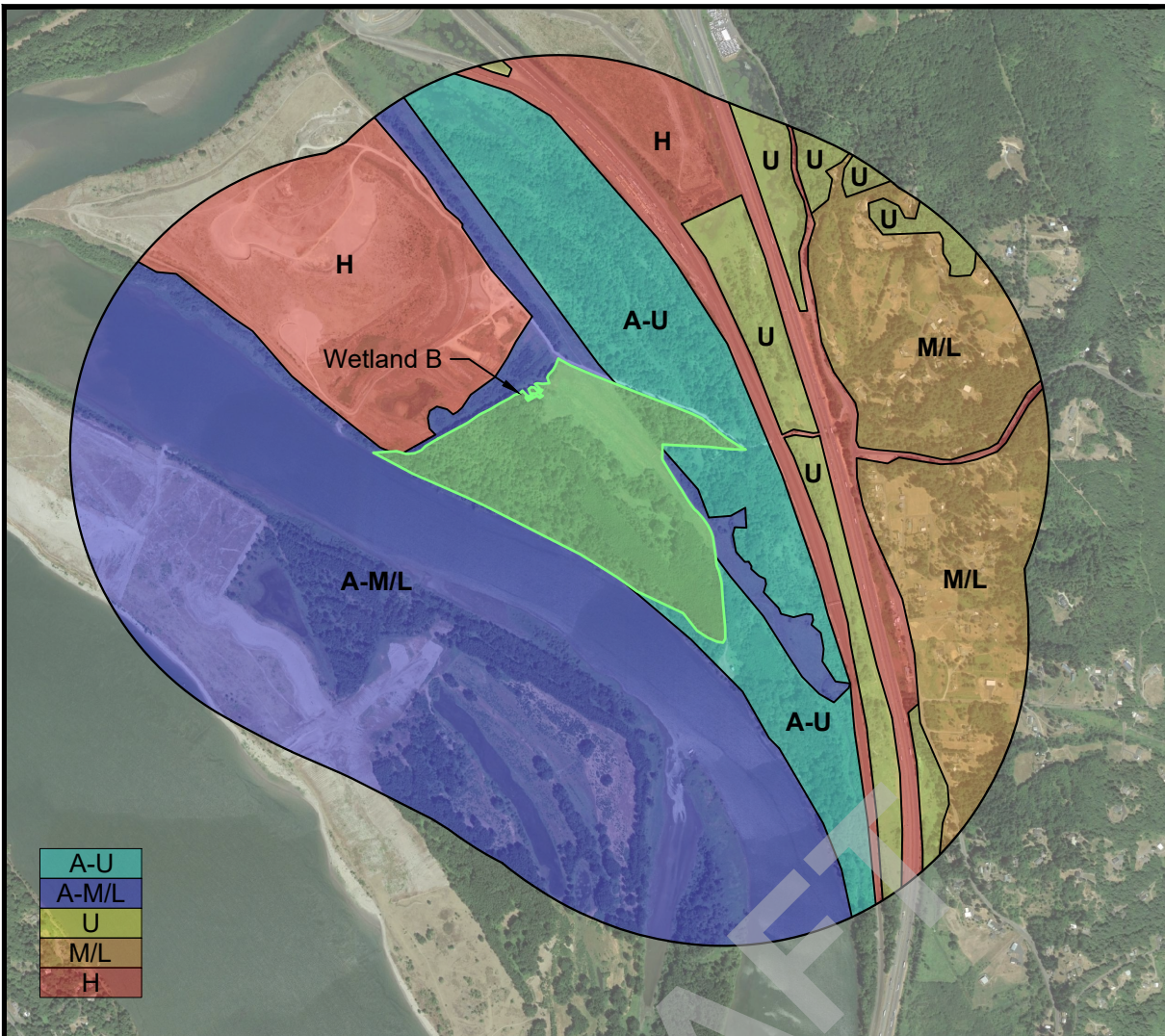
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$$12.9\% \text{ [A-U] habitat} + [(21.7\% \text{ [A-M/L] intensity land uses})/2] \text{ 10.9\%} = \underline{23.8\%}$$

**H 2.2. Total Undisturbed Habitat Equation**

$$12.9\% \text{ [A-U]} + 9.9\% \text{ [U] habitat} + [(21.7\% \text{ [A-M/L]} + 13.3\% \text{ [M/L] land uses})/2] \text{ 17.5\%} = \underline{40.3\%}$$





A-U
A-M/L
U
M/L
H

Figure 9  
**WETLAND B - 1KM RATING FIGURE**  
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**LEGEND:**

— Wetland Unit Boundary

**H2.1 Accessible Habitat**

A-U	A-U (13.4%)
A-M/L	A-M/L (44.9%)

**H2.2 Undisturbed Habitat**

U	U (5.9%)
M/L	M/L (14.5%)

**H2.3 Land Use Intensity**

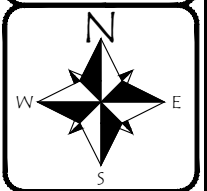
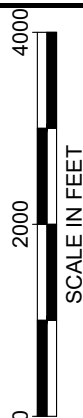
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**H 2.1. Accessible Habitat Equation**

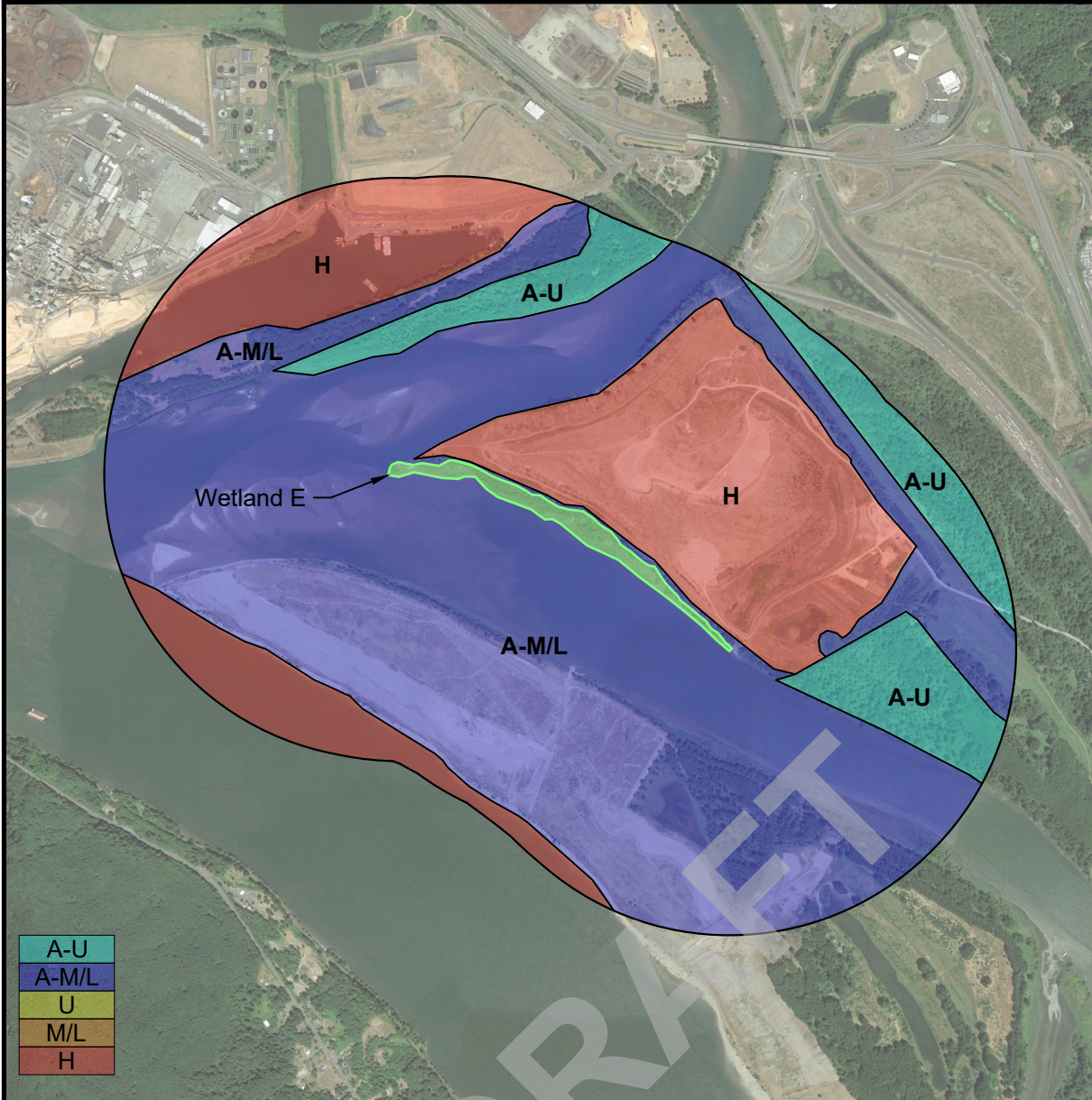
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**H 2.2. Total Undisturbed Habitat Equation**

$$13.4\% \text{ [A-U]} + 5.9\% \text{ [U] habitat} + [(44.9\% \text{ [A-M/L]} + 14.5\% \text{ [M/L] land uses})/2] \text{ 29.7\%} = 49.0\%$$







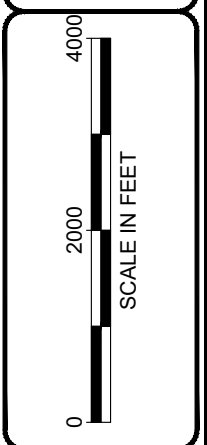
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**LEGEND:**

— Wetland Unit Boundary

**H2.1 Accessible Habitat**

A-U	A-U (9.7%)
A-M/L	A-M/L (60.9%)

**H2.2 Undisturbed Habitat**

U	U (00.0%)
M/L	M/L (00.0%)

**H2.3 Land Use Intensity**

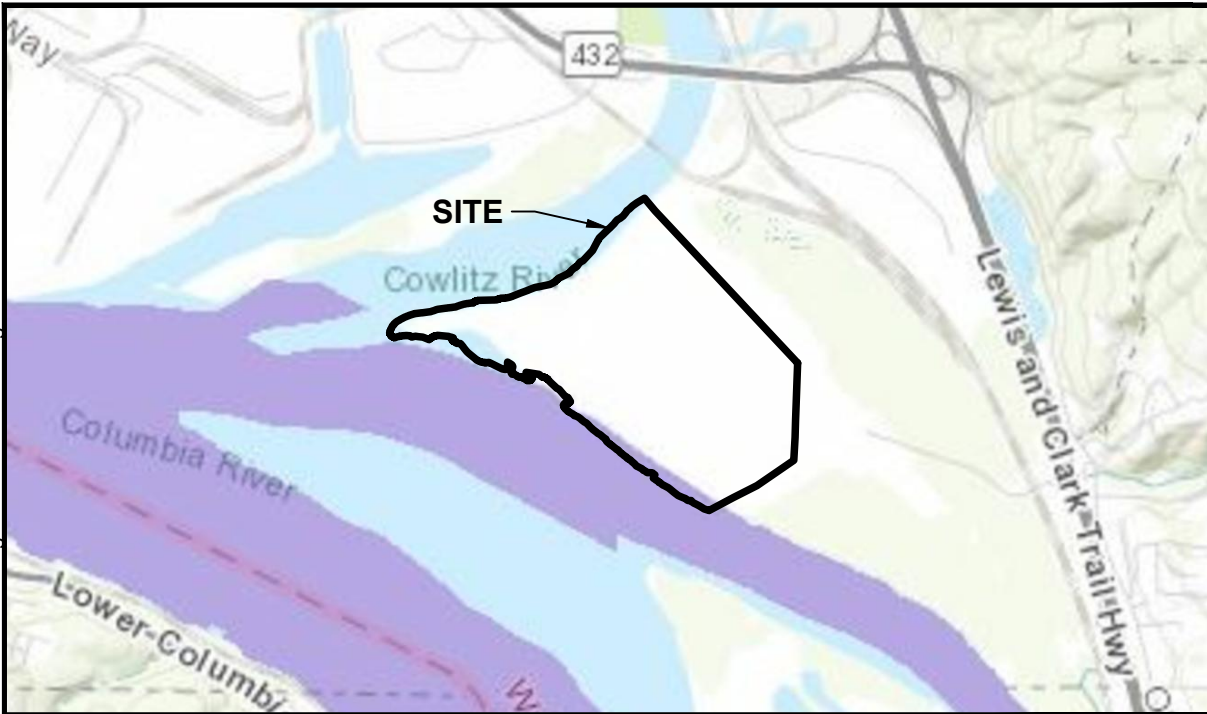
H	H (29.4%)
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**H 2.1. Accessible Habitat Equation**

$$9.7\% \text{ [A-U] habitat} + [(60.9\% \text{ [A-M/L] intensity land uses})/2] \text{ 30.5\%} = \underline{40.2\%}$$

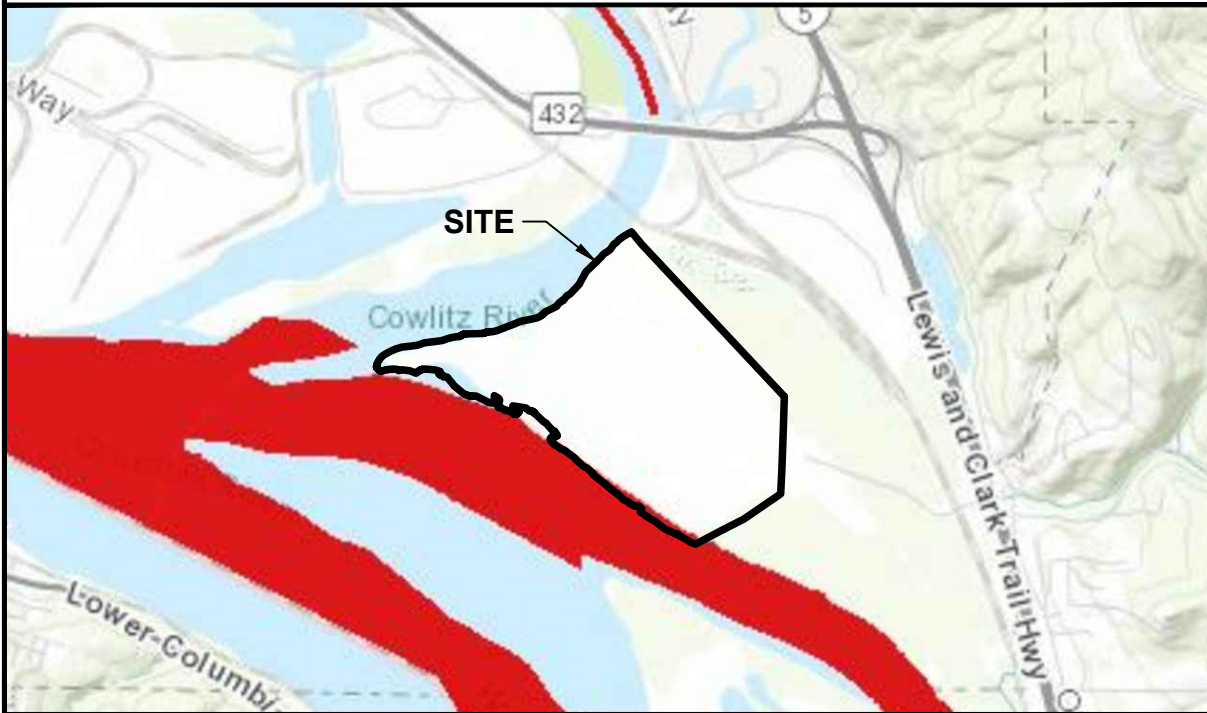
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**WQ Improvement Projects**

- Approved
- In Development



**Assessed Waters/Sediment**

**Water**

- Category 5 - 303d
- Category 4C
- Category 4B
- Category 4A
- Category 2
- Category 1

**Sediment**

- ▨ Category 5 - 303d
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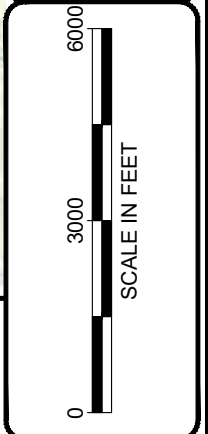
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 303(D) AND TDLM MAPS  
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## **Appendix A**

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 7/27/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet A TP-3  
 Investigator(s): McGraw, Michele and Steele, Morgan Section, Township, Range: 11-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plain Local relief: concave Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Newberg fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PSSA

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

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b>	
Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Remarks: Test plot was located in the northwest corner of Wetland A in the central portion of Parcel #24092.

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>50</u> (A/B)
1. _____	%			
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1= _____ FACW species <u>95</u> x 2= <u>190</u> FAC species <u>5</u> x 3= <u>15</u> FACU species <u>5</u> x 4= <u>20</u> UPL species _____ x 5= _____ Column Totals: <u>105</u> (A) <u>225</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A= <u>2.14</u>
1. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	5%	yes	FACU	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	5%			
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	95%	yes	FACW	
2. <u>Parentucellia viscosa</u>	5%	no	FAC	
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
5. _____	%			
6. _____	%			
7. _____	%			
8. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	100%			
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. _____	%			
2. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks:

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet A TP-3

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-16	10YR4/2	70%	10YR5/8	30%	C	PL	sandy silt loam	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

<p>Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)
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**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
Saturation Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	

(Includes Capillary fringe)

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology is assumed during the wet season due to hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and secondary hydrology indicators listed above.

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 7/27/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet A TP-4  
 Investigator(s): McGraw, Michele and Steele, Morgan Section, Township, Range: 11-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plain Local relief: convex Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Newberg fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PSSA  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: <u>Test plot was located northwest of Wetland A in the central portion of Parcel #24092.</u>	

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b>
1. _____	%			Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)
2. _____	%			Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____ %				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b>
1. <u>Cytisus scoparius</u>	5%	no	FACU	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
2. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	50%	yes	FACU	OBL species _____ x 1= _____
3. _____	%			FACW species _____ x 2= _____
4. _____	%			FAC species _____ x 3= _____
5. _____	%			FACU species _____ x 4= _____
Total Cover: <u>55%</u>				UPL species _____ x 5= _____
				Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)
				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>
1. <u>Anthoxanthum odoratum</u>	30%	yes	FACU	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2. <u>Polystichum munitum</u>	20%	yes	FACU	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50%
3. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
4. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)
5. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup>
6. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
7. _____	%			
8. _____	%			
Total Cover: <u>50%</u>				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b>
1. _____	%			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____ %				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				

Remarks:

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet A TP-4

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-16	10YR5/1	100%		%			sandy silt loam	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**HYDROLOGY**

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b>	Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)
Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)

<p><b>Field Observations:</b></p> <p>Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Depth (Inches): _____</p> <p>Water Table Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Depth (Inches): _____</p> <p>Saturation Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/>    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Depth (Inches): _____</p> <p>(Includes Capillary fringe)</p>	<p><b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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Describe Recorded Data (Stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 7/27/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet A TP-5  
 Investigator(s): McGraw, Michele and Steele, Morgan Section, Township, Range: 12-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plain Local relief: convex Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PSSA

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks: Test plot was located southwest of Wetland A in the northeastern portion of Parcel #24100.

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>3</u> (A/B)
1. <u>Populus balsamifera</u>	10%	yes	FAC	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover:	10%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1= _____ FACW species _____ x 2= _____ FAC species _____ x 3= _____ FACU species _____ x 4= _____ UPL species _____ x 5= _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
1. <u>Cytisus scoparius</u>	10%	yes	FACU	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover:	10%			
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
1. <u>Anthoxanthum odoratum</u>	10%	yes	FACU	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
5. _____	%			
6. _____	%			
7. _____	%			
8. _____	%			
Total Cover:	10%			
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. _____	%			
2. _____	%			
Total Cover:	%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>30%</u>				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Remarks: 60% of ground was covered in moss.

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet A TP-5

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-16	10YR5/1	100%		%			sandy silt loam	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**HYDROLOGY**

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b>	<b>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)</b>
Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (Inches): _____ Water Table Present?      Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (Inches): _____ Saturation Present?        Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (Inches): _____ (Includes Capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Describe Recorded Data (Stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 7/27/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet A TP-6  
 Investigator(s): McGraw, Michele and Steele, Morgan Section, Township, Range: 12-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plain Local relief: concave Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PSSA

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks: Test plot was located in central poriton of Wetland A, along western wetland boundary.

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: _____ (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: _____ (A/B)
1. _____	%	_____	_____	
2. _____	%	_____	_____	
3. _____	%	_____	_____	
4. _____	%	_____	_____	
Total Cover: _____	%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1= _____ FACW species _____ x 2= _____ FAC species _____ x 3= _____ FACU species _____ x 4= _____ UPL species _____ x 5= _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
1. _____	%	_____	_____	
2. _____	%	_____	_____	
3. _____	%	_____	_____	
4. _____	%	_____	_____	
Total Cover: _____	%			
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
1. <u>Nuphar lutea</u>	80%	yes	OBL	
2. _____	%	_____	_____	
3. _____	%	_____	_____	
4. _____	%	_____	_____	
5. _____	%	_____	_____	
6. _____	%	_____	_____	
7. _____	%	_____	_____	
8. _____	%	_____	_____	
Total Cover: _____	80%			
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. _____	%	_____	_____	
2. _____	%	_____	_____	
Total Cover: _____	%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks: Nuphar lutea was present and covering the water surface.

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet A TP-6

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
		%		%				See Remarks Below
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosal (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

Remarks: Due to level of inundation soil sampling was not possible. Hydric soil is assumed due to year-round inundation.

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

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

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)		

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): 24"	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
Saturation Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
(Includes Capillary fringe)				

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

Remarks: Area is permanently inundated.

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 8/30/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet B TP-5  
 Investigator(s): Allison, Andrew, Madriz, Joyce Section, Township, Range: 14-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plains Local relief: convex Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PSSA

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

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Test plot located northwest of the northwestern most portion of Wetland B within the south central portion of Parcel #24393.	

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>4</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
1. <u>Populus balsamifera</u>	40%	yes	FAC	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover:	40%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1= _____ FACW species _____ x 2= _____ FAC species _____ x 3= _____ FACU species _____ x 4= _____ UPL species _____ x 5= _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
1. <u>Cornus sericea</u>	70%	yes	FACW	
2. <u>Symphoricarpos albus</u>	10%	no	FACU	
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover:	80%			
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
1. <u>Urtica dioica</u>	5%	yes	FAC	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
5. _____	%			
6. _____	%			
7. _____	%			
8. _____	%			
Total Cover:	5%			
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	35%	yes	FAC	
2. _____	%			
Total Cover:	35%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>95%</u>				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks: Bare ground covered in leaf litter and moss.

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet B TP-5

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-6	10YR2/2	100%		%			silty loam	
6-15	10YR3/2	97%	10YR3/6	3%	C	PL	silty loam	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

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

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

<p>Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)
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**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
Saturation Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	

(Includes Capillary fringe)

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

Remarks:

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 8/30/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet E TP-1  
 Investigator(s): Allison, Andrew and Madriz, Joyce Section, Township, Range: 14-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plains Local relief: concave Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PEM1R

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Remarks: Test plot was located in the southeastern portion of Wetland E in the northeastern portion of Parcel #24393.

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b>
1. _____	%			Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)
4. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	%			Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>66</u> (A/B)
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b>
1. <u>Salix lasiandra</u>	10%	yes	FACW	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
2. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	7%	yes	FACU	OBL species _____ x 1= _____
3. _____	%			FACW species _____ x 2= _____
4. _____	%			FAC species _____ x 3= _____
5. _____	%			FACU species _____ x 4= _____
Total Cover: _____	17%			UPL species _____ x 5= _____
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	100%	yes	FACW	Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
2. _____	%			<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>
3. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
4. _____	%			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50%
5. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
6. _____	%			4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)
7. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup>
8. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
Total Cover: _____	100%			<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1. _____	%			
2. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				

Remarks:

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet E TP-1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-18	10YR4/2	85%	10YR4/6	15%	C	PL	loamy silt	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Minerals (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**

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

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**Hydric Soil Present?**

Yes  No

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

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

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

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- Water Stained Leaves (B9) (MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (LRR A)
- Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes  No  Depth (Inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes  No  Depth (Inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturation Present? Yes  No  Depth (Inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Includes Capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?**

Yes  No

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

Remarks: Wetland hydrology is assumed during the wet season due to hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and secondary hydrology indicators listed above.



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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 8/30/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet E TP-2  
 Investigator(s): Allison, Andrew and Madriz, Joyce Section, Township, Range: 14-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plains Local relief: convex Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PEM1R

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: <u>Test plot was located north of Wetland E upslope of Wet E TP-1 in the northeastern portion of Parcel #24393.</u>	

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				
1. _____	%			<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>66</u> (A/B)
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				
1. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	60%	yes	FACU	<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1= _____ FACW species _____ x 2= _____ FAC species _____ x 3= _____ FACU species _____ x 4= _____ UPL species _____ x 5= _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
5. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	60%			
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				
1. <u>Equisetum arvense</u>	10%	yes	FAC	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
5. _____	%			
6. _____	%			
7. _____	%			
8. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	10%			
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				
1. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	40%	yes	FAC	<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
2. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	40%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks:

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet E TP-2

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-4	10YR3/2	100%		%			silty clay loam	
4-18	10YR3/1	60%	10YR3/6	20%	C	PL	silty clay loam	
		%	10YR4/6	20%	C	PL		
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

<p>Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)
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**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
Saturation Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	

(Includes Capillary fringe)

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

Remarks:

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 8/30/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet E TP-3  
 Investigator(s): Allison, Andrew and Madriz, Joyce Section, Township, Range: 14-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plain Local relief: concave Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PEM1R

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Remarks: Test plot was located in the northern portion of Wetland E in the eastern portion of Parcel #24100.

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b>
1. _____	%			Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)
4. _____	%			Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>66</u> (A/B)
Total Cover: _____	%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b>
1. <u>Cornus sericea</u>	75%	yes	FACW	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
2. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	50%	yes	FACU	OBL species _____ x 1= _____
3. <u>Salix lasiandra</u>	15%	no	FACW	FACW species _____ x 2= _____
4. _____	%			FAC species _____ x 3= _____
5. _____	%			FACU species _____ x 4= _____
Total Cover: _____	%			UPL species _____ x 5= _____
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	98%	yes	FACW	Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
2. <u>Carex obnupta</u>	2%	no	OBL	
3. _____	%			<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>
4. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
5. _____	%			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50%
6. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
7. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
8. _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup>
Total Cover: _____	%			<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. _____	%			
2. _____	%			
Total Cover: _____	%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks: Drift wood accumulation within patch of Phalaris arundinacea.

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet E TP-3

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-3	10YR4/2	100%		%			silt	
3-16	10YR6/1	93%	10YR6/8	7%	C	PL	silt	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

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

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
Saturation Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	

(Includes Capillary fringe)

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

Remarks:

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

Project/Site: Anchor Point Site Development City/County: Kelso/Cowlitz Sampling Date: 8/30/16  
 Applicant/Owner: TransDevelopment Group State: WA Sampling Point: Wet E TP-4  
 Investigator(s): Allison, Andrew and Madriz, Joyce Section, Township, Range: 14-T7N-R2W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flood plains Local relief: convex Slope (%): <3%  
 Subregion (LRR): A Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: NAD83

Soil Map Unit Name: Caples silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes NWI classification: PEM1R

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

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Area "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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Remarks: <u>Test plot was located north of Wetland E, upslope of Wet E TP-3 in the eastern portion of Parcel #24100. Soils consist of dredge spoils.</u>	

**VEGETATION** (Use scientific names)

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>30</u> ft radius)				<b>Dominance Test Worksheet</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>5</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>80</u> (A/B)
1. <u>Populus balsamifera</u>	15%	yes	FAC	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover:	15%			
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft. radius)				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1= _____ FACW species _____ x 2= _____ FAC species _____ x 3= _____ FACU species _____ x 4= _____ UPL species _____ x 5= _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A= _____
1. <u>Cornus sericea</u>	65%	yes	FACW	
2. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	25%	yes	FACU	
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
Total Cover:	90%			
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> ft radius)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data In Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
1. <u>Carex obnupta</u>	20%	yes	OBL	
2. _____	%			
3. _____	%			
4. _____	%			
5. _____	%			
6. _____	%			
7. _____	%			
8. _____	%			
Total Cover:	20%			
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> ft radius)				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology Must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	10%	yes	FAC	
2. _____	%			
Total Cover:	10%			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ %				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks:

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet E TP-4

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-2		%		%			Duff	See Remarks Below
2-16	10YR4/2	100%		%			sand	
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				
		%		%				

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <b>(except MLRA 1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Minerals (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Wetland hydrology must be present
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes  No

Remarks: Top 2 inches consisted of roots and debris. Soils consist of dredge spoils.

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

<p>Primary Indicators (min. of one required; check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, &amp; 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D4)
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**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	
Saturation Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (Inches): _____	

(Includes Capillary fringe)

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

Remarks:

## **Appendix B**

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Wetland name or number A

# RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland A Date of site visit: 7-27-16  
 Rated by Wills, KT Trained by Ecology? Yes X No      Date of training 9/2016  
 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 Google

**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

**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

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>				
Site Potential	H <u>M</u> L	H <u>M</u> L	<u>H</u> M L	
Landscape Potential	<u>H</u> M L	H M <u>L</u>	H <u>M</u> L	
Value	<u>H</u> M L	H M <u>L</u>	<u>H</u> M L	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Score Based on Ratings</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>

## 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	<u>N/A</u>



Wetland name or number  A

## 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 ( <i>can be added to map of hydroperiods</i> )	D 1.1, D 4.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 <b>dense</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of <b>dense, rigid</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants ( <i>can be added to figure above</i> )	S 4.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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	

## HGM Classification of Wetlands in Western Washington

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

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

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

**NO** - go to 2

**YES** - the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe** - go to 1.1

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

**NO - Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

**YES - Freshwater Tidal Fringe**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is an **Estuarine** wetland and is not scored. This method **cannot** be used to score functions for estuarine wetlands.*

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

**NO** - go to 3

**YES** - The wetland class is **Flats**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Flats wetland, use the form for **Depressional** wetlands.*

3. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface at any time of the year) at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size;  
 At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 ft (2 m).

**NO** - go to 4

**YES** - The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

4. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),  
 The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks,  
 The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded**.

**NO** - go to 5

**YES** - The wetland class is **Slope**

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

5. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,  
 The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.

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**NO** - go to 6

**YES** - The wetland class is **Riverine**

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

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

NO - go to 7

**YES** - The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

NO - go to 8

**YES** - The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

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

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

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

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### **DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS**

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

<b>D 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?</b>		
<b>D 1.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland:</b> Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span> Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span> Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span> Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span>	<b>2</b>	
<b>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</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>D 1.3. Characteristics and distribution of persistent plants (Emergent, Scrub-shrub, and/or Forested Cowardin classes):</b> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area <span style="float: right;">points = 5</span> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ½ of area <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > 1/10 of area <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < 1/10 of area <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span>	<b>5</b>	
<b>D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:</b> <i>This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.</i> Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland <span style="float: right;">points = 4</span> Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span> Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Total for D 1</b> <span style="float: right;">Add the points in the boxes above</span>		<b>9</b>

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

<b>D 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?</b>		
D 2.1. Does the wetland unit receive stormwater discharges? <span style="float: right;">Yes = 1 No = 0</span>	<b>1</b>	
D 2.2. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants? <span style="float: right;">Yes = 1 No = 0</span>	<b>1</b>	
D 2.3. Are there septic systems within 250 ft of the wetland? <span style="float: right;">Yes = 1 No = 0</span>	<b>0</b>	
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 <span style="float: right;">Yes = 1 No = 0</span>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Total for D 2</b> <span style="float: right;">Add the points in the boxes above</span>		<b>3</b>

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

<b>D 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
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? <span style="float: right;">Yes = 1 No = 0</span>	<b>1</b>	
D 3.2. Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where an aquatic resource is on the 303(d) list? <span style="float: right;">Yes = 1 No = 0</span>	<b>1</b>	
D 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality ( <i>answer YES if there is a TMDL for the basin in which the unit is found</i> )? <span style="float: right;">Yes = 2 No = 0</span>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total for D 3</b> <span style="float: right;">Add the points in the boxes above</span>		<b>2</b>

**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

<b>D 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?</b>		
<b>D 4.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland:</b>		
Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet)	points = 4	<b>2</b>
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	
<b>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.</b>		
Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet	points = 7	<b>7</b>
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	
<b>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.</b>		
The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit	points = 5	<b>0</b>
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	
<b>Total for D 4</b>	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>9</b>

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

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

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

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

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

**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.*

- |  |                                  |          |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic bed  | 4 structures or more: points = 4 | <b>4</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergent   | 3 structures: points = 2         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover)  | 2 structures: points = 1         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover)  | 1 structure: points = 0          |          |
| <i>If the unit has a Forested class, check if:</i>   |                                  |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 |                                  |          |

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*).

- |  |                                     |          |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanently flooded or inundated                         | 4 or more types present: points = 3 | <b>2</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flooded or inundated                          | 3 types present: points = 2         |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally flooded or inundated                                   | 2 types present: points = 1         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated only   | 1 type present: points = 0          |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland |                                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland           |                                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lake Fringe wetland</b>  | <b>2 points</b>                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Freshwater tidal wetland</b>                                     | <b>2 points</b>                     |          |

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

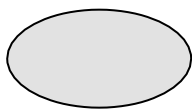
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft<sup>2</sup>.

*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***

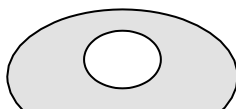
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| If you counted: > 19 species | points = 2 | <b>2</b> |
| 5 - 19 species               | points = 1 |          |
| < 5 species                  | points = 0 |          |

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.*



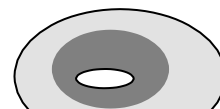
**None = 0 points**



**Low = 1 point**

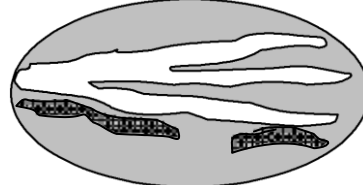
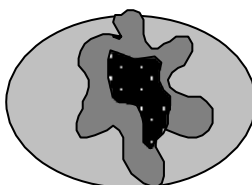
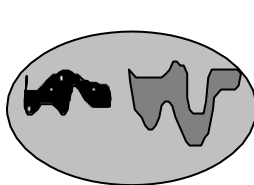


**Moderate = 2 points**



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



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<p>H 1.5. Special habitat features:</p> <p>Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. <i>The number of checks is the number of points.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (&gt; 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh &gt; 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) <b>and/or</b> 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)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (&gt; 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<i>cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least ¼ ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (<i>structures for egg-laying by amphibians</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (<i>see H 1.1 for list of strata</i>)</p>	<b>4</b>
<p>Total for H 1</p>	<p>Add the points in the boxes above</p> <p><b>15</b></p>

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

H 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the habitat functions of the site?

<p>H 2.1. Accessible habitat (include <i>only habitat that directly abuts wetland unit</i>).</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>12.9</u> + [(21.7% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>10.9</u> = <u>23.8</u> % If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p>&gt; 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>20-33% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>10-19% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>&lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>2</b>
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>22.8</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>17.5</u> = <u>40.3</u> %</p> <p>Undisturbed habitat &gt; 50% of Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and &gt; 3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat &lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>1</b>
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p>&gt; 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use <span style="float: right;">points = (- 2)</span></p> <p>≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>0</b>
<p>Total for H 2</p>	<p>Add the points in the boxes above</p> <p><b>3</b></p>

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

H 3.0. Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?

<p>H 3.1. Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies? <i>Choose only the highest score that applies to the wetland being rated.</i></p> <p>Site meets ANY of the following criteria: <span style="float: right;">points <u>2</u></span></p> <p>— It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page)</p> <p>— It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists)</p> <p>— It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species</p> <p>— It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>— 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</p> <p>Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) within 100 m <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>Site does not meet any of the criteria above <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	
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**Rating of Value** If score is:  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.



**CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

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



Wetland name or number A

Wetland name or number A1

## RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland A1 Date of site visit: 7-27-16

Rated by Wills, KT Trained by Ecology? Yes X No      Date of training 9/2016

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 Google

**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	
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>				
Site Potential	H <u>M</u> L	H M <u>L</u>	H M <u>L</u>	
Landscape Potential	H <u>M</u> L	H M <u>L</u>	H M <u>L</u>	
Value	<u>H</u> M L	H M <u>L</u>	H <u>M</u> L	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Score Based on Ratings</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>

**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	<u>N/A</u>

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## Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington

### Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	
Location of outlet ( <i>can be added to map of hydroperiods</i> )	D 1.1, D 4.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 <b>dense</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of <b>dense, rigid</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants ( <i>can be added to figure above</i> )	S 4.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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	

## HGM Classification of Wetlands in Western Washington

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

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

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

NO - go to 2

YES - the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe** - go to 1.1

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

NO - **Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

YES - **Freshwater Tidal Fringe**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is an **Estuarine** wetland and is not scored. This method **cannot** be used to score functions for estuarine wetlands.*

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

NO - go to 3

YES - The wetland class is **Flats**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Flats wetland, use the form for **Depressional** wetlands.*

3. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface at any time of the year) at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size;  
 At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 ft (2 m).

NO - go to 4

YES - The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

4. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),  
 The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks,  
 The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded**.

NO - go to 5

YES - The wetland class is **Slope**

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

5. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,  
 The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.



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NO – go to 6

**YES** - The wetland class is **Riverine**

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

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

NO – go to 7

**YES** - The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

NO – go to 8

**YES** - The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

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

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

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

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**DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS**  
**Water Quality Functions** - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality

<b>D 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?</b>		
D 1.1. <u>Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland:</u> Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch.	points = 3 points = 2 points = 1 points = 1	<b>2</b>
D 1.2. <u>The soil 2 in below the surface (or duff layer) is true clay or true organic (use NRCS definitions).</u> Yes = 4 No = 0		<b>0</b>
D 1.3. <u>Characteristics and distribution of persistent plants</u> (Emergent, Scrub-shrub, and/or Forested Cowardin classes): Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ½ of area Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > 1/10 of area Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < 1/10 of area	points = 5 points = 3 points = 1 points = 0	<b>5</b>
D 1.4. <u>Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:</u> <i>This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.</i> Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland	points = 4 points = 2 points = 0	<b>2</b>
Total for D 1	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>9</b>

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

<b>D 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?</b>		
D 2.1. Does the wetland unit receive stormwater discharges?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
D 2.2. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
D 2.3. Are there septic systems within 250 ft of the wetland?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
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 <b>Dust/emissions from haul trucks and heavy equipment</b>	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>1</b>
Total for D 2	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>1</b>

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

<b>D 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
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	<b>1</b>
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	<b>1</b>
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	<b>0</b>
Total for D 3	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>2</b>

**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:

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|---|------------|----------|
| Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet)                 | points = 4 | <b>2</b> |
| 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.*

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|--|------------|----------|
| Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet  | points = 7 | <b>3</b> |
| 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.*

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|---|------------|----------|
| The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit  | points = 5 | <b>0</b> |
| 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 **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.*

- The wetland captures surface water that would otherwise flow down-gradient into areas where flooding has damaged human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds):
- Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit. points = 2
  - Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient. points = 1
- Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin. points = 1
- The existing or potential outflow from the wetland is so constrained by human or natural conditions that the water stored by the wetland cannot reach areas that flood. *Explain why* \_\_\_\_\_ points = 0
- There are no problems with flooding downstream of the wetland. points = 0

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.*

- |   |                                  |          |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic bed  | 4 structures or more: points = 4 | <b>1</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergent  | 3 structures: points = 2         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover)   | 2 structures: points = 1         |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover)  | 1 structure: points = 0          |          |
| <i>If the unit has a Forested class, check if:</i>  |                                  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 |                                  |          |

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*).

- |   |                                     |          |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently flooded or inundated   | 4 or more types present: points = 3 | <b>2</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flooded or inundated                                     | 3 types present: points = 2         |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally flooded or inundated  | 2 types present: points = 1         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated only  | 1 type present: points = 0          |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland |                                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland                      |                                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lake Fringe wetland</b>   | <b>2 points</b>                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Freshwater tidal wetland</b>  | <b>2 points</b>                     |          |

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

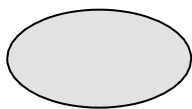
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft<sup>2</sup>.

*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***

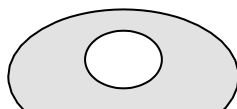
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|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| If you counted: > 19 species | points = 2 | <b>1</b> |
| 5 - 19 species               | points = 1 |          |
| < 5 species                  | points = 0 |          |

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

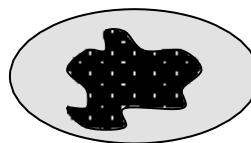
Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion among Cowardin plants classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none. *If you have four or more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always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



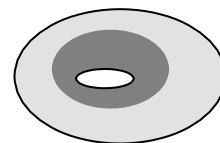
**None = 0 points**



**Low = 1 point**

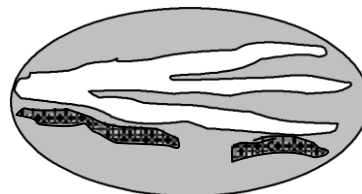
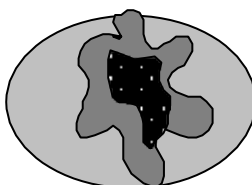
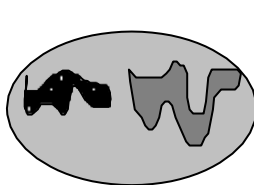


**Moderate = 2 points**



**2**

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



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<p>H 1.5. Special habitat features:</p> <p>Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. <i>The number of checks is the number of points.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (&gt; 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh &gt; 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) <b>and/or</b> 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)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (&gt; 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<i>cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least ¼ ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (<i>structures for egg-laying by amphibians</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (<i>see H 1.1 for list of strata</i>)</p>	<p><b>0</b></p>
<p>Total for H 1</p>	<p>Add the points in the boxes above</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p>

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

<p>H 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the habitat functions of the site?</p>	
<p>H 2.1. Accessible habitat (include <i>only habitat that directly abuts wetland unit</i>).</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>10</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>8</u> =</p> <p>% If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p>&gt; 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>20-33% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>10-19% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>&lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>20</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>10</u> =</p> <p>% Undisturbed habitat &gt; 50% of Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and &gt; 3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat &lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p>&gt; 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use <span style="float: right;">points = (- 2)</span></p> <p>≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>
<p>Total for H 2</p>	<p>Add the points in the boxes above</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>

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

<p>H 3.0. Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?</p>	
<p>H 3.1. Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies? <i>Choose only the highest score that applies to the wetland being rated.</i></p>	
<p>Site meets ANY of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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</li> </ul>	<p>points = 2</p>
<p>Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) within 100 m</p>	<p>points = <b>1</b></p>
<p>Site does not meet any of the criteria above</p>	<p>points = 0</p>

**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.



**CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

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

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<p><b>SC 4.0. Forested Wetlands</b></p> <p>Does the wetland have at least <u>1 contiguous acre</u> of forest that meets one of these criteria for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? <b><i>If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Old-growth forests</b> (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.</li> <li>— <b>Mature forests</b> (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).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    <b>No = Not a forested wetland for this section</b></p>	<p><b>Cat. I</b></p>
<p><b>SC 5.0. Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons</b></p> <p>Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 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</li> <li>— The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or brackish (&gt; 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon (<i>needs to be measured near the bottom</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 5.1</b>    <b>No = Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon</b></p> <p><b>SC 5.1. Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 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).</li> <li>— 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.</li> <li>— The wetland is larger than 1/10 ac (4350 ft<sup>2</sup>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Category II</b></p>	<p><b>Cat. I</b></p> <p><b>Cat. II</b></p>
<p><b>SC 6.0. Interdunal Wetlands</b></p> <p>Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? <b><i>If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its habitat functions.</i></b></p> <p>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Long Beach Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103</li> <li>— Grayland-Westport: Lands west of SR 105</li> <li>— Ocean Shores-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 6.1</b>    <b>No = not an interdunal wetland for rating</b></p> <p><b>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)?</b>  <span style="float: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No – Go to <b>SC 6.2</b></span></p> <p><b>SC 6.2. Is the wetland 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?</b>  <span style="float: right;">Yes = <b>Category II</b>    No – Go to <b>SC 6.3</b></span></p> <p><b>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?</b>  <span style="float: right;">Yes = <b>Category III</b>    No = <b>Category IV</b></span></p>	<p><b>Cat I</b></p> <p><b>Cat. II</b></p> <p><b>Cat. III</b></p> <p><b>Cat. IV</b></p>
<p><b>Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics</b></p> <p>If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>

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## RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland B Date of site visit: 8-30-16

Rated by Wills, KT Trained by Ecology? Yes X No      Date of training 9/2016

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 Google

**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	
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>				
Site Potential	H <u>M</u> L	H M <u>L</u>	H <u>M</u> L	
Landscape Potential	H <u>M</u> L	H M <u>L</u>	<u>H</u> M L	
Value	<u>H</u> M L	H M <u>L</u>	<u>H</u> M L	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Score Based on Ratings</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>

**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	<u>N/A</u>

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## Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington

### Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	
Location of outlet ( <i>can be added to map of hydroperiods</i> )	D 1.1, D 4.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 <b>dense</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of <b>dense, rigid</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants ( <i>can be added to figure above</i> )	S 4.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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	



## HGM Classification of Wetlands in Western Washington

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

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

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

NO - go to 2

YES - the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe** - go to 1.1

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

NO - **Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

YES - **Freshwater Tidal Fringe**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is an **Estuarine** wetland and is not scored. This method **cannot** be used to score functions for estuarine wetlands.*

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

NO - go to 3

YES - The wetland class is **Flats**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Flats wetland, use the form for **Depressional** wetlands.*

3. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface at any time of the year) at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size;  
 At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 ft (2 m).

NO - go to 4

YES - The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

4. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),  
 The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks,  
 The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded**.

NO - go to 5

YES - The wetland class is **Slope**

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

5. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,  
 The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.

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NO – go to 6

**YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

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

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

NO – go to 7

**YES** – The wetland class is **Depressional**


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

NO – go to 8

**YES** – The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

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

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

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

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### **DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS**

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

<b>D 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?</b>		
<b>D 1.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland:</b> Wetland is a depression or flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key) with no surface water leaving it (no outlet). <div style="text-align: right;">points = 3</div> Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet. <div style="text-align: right;">points = 2</div> Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet that is permanently flowing. <div style="text-align: right;">points = <u>1</u></div> Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch. <div style="text-align: right;">points = 1</div>	<b>1</b>	
<b>D 1.2. The soil 2 in below the surface (or duff layer) is true clay or true organic (use NRCS definitions).</b> Yes = 4 No = 0	<b>0</b>	
<b>D 1.3. Characteristics and distribution of persistent plants</b> (Emergent, Scrub-shrub, and/or Forested Cowardin classes): Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > 95% of area <div style="text-align: right;">points = 5</div> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, plants > ½ of area <div style="text-align: right;">points = 3</div> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants > 1/10 of area <div style="text-align: right;">points = 1</div> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed plants < 1/10 of area <div style="text-align: right;">points = 0</div>	<b>5</b>	
<b>D 1.4. Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation:</b> <i>This is the area that is ponded for at least 2 months. See description in manual.</i> Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland <div style="text-align: right;">points = 4</div> Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland <div style="text-align: right;">points = 2</div> Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland <div style="text-align: right;">points = 0</div>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total for D 1</b>	<b>6</b>	Add the points in the boxes above

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

<b>D 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?</b>		
D 2.1. Does the wetland unit receive stormwater discharges?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
D 2.2. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
D 2.3. Are there septic systems within 250 ft of the wetland?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
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?		<b>1</b>
Source	Yes = 1 No = 0	
<b>Total for D 2</b>	<b>1</b>	Add the points in the boxes above

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

<b>D 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
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	<b>1</b>
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	<b>1</b>
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	<b>0</b>
<b>Total for D 3</b>	<b>2</b>	Add the points in the boxes above

**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 | <b>0</b> |
| 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.*

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|--|-------------------|----------|
| Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet  | points = 7        | <b>3</b> |
| 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 = <u>3</u> |          |
| 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.*

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|---|------------|----------|
| The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit  | points = 5 | <b>0</b> |
| 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 **3**

**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.

- |  |            |          |
|--|------------|----------|
| 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):                      |            | <b>0</b> |
| • Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit.  | points = 2 |          |
| • Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient.  | points = 1 |          |
| Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin.  | points = 1 |          |
| The existing or potential outflow from the wetland is so constrained by human or natural conditions that the water stored by the wetland cannot reach areas that flood. <i>Explain why</i> _____ | 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 **0**

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

**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.*

- |  |                                  |          |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic bed   | 4 structures or more: points = 4 | <b>4</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergent   | 3 structures: points = 2         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover)  | 2 structures: points = 1         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover)  | 1 structure: points = 0          |          |
| <i>If the unit has a Forested class, check if:</i>   |                                  |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 |                                  |          |

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*).

- |   |                                     |          |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently flooded or inundated   | 4 or more types present: points = 3 | <b>2</b> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flooded or inundated                                     | 3 types present: points = 2         |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally flooded or inundated  | 2 types present: points = 1         |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated only  | 1 type present: points = 0          |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland |                                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland                      |                                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lake Fringe wetland</b>   | <b>2 points</b>                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Freshwater tidal wetland</b>  | <b>2 points</b>                     |          |

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

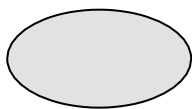
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft<sup>2</sup>.

*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***

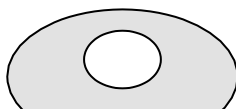
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| If you counted: > 19 species | points = 2 | <b>2</b> |
| 5 - 19 species               | points = 1 |          |
| < 5 species                  | points = 0 |          |

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.*



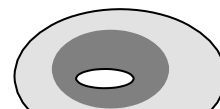
None = 0 points



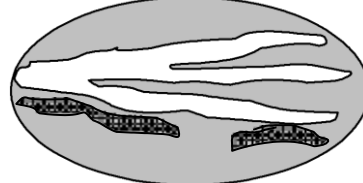
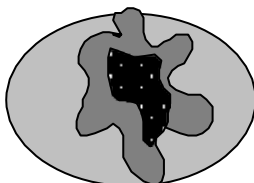
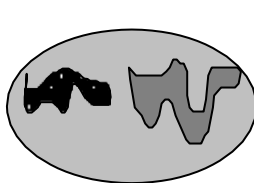
Low = 1 point



Moderate = 2 points



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



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<p>H 1.5. Special habitat features:</p> <p>Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. <i>The number of checks is the number of points.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (&gt; 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh &gt; 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) <b>and/or</b> 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)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (&gt; 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<i>cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least ¼ ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (<i>structures for egg-laying by amphibians</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (<i>see H 1.1 for list of strata</i>)</p>	<b>3</b>
Total for H 1	Add the points in the boxes above
<b>14</b>	

**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?	
<p>H 2.1. Accessible habitat (include <i>only habitat that directly abuts wetland unit</i>).</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>13.4</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>22.5</u> = <b>35.9</b> %</p> <p>If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p>&gt; 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>20-33% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>10-19% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>&lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>3</b>
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>19.3</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>29.7</u> = <b>49.0</b></p> <p>% Undisturbed habitat &gt; 50% of Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and &gt; 3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat &lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>1</b>
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p>&gt; 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use <span style="float: right;">points = (- 2)</span></p> <p>≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>0</b>
Total for H 2	Add the points in the boxes above
<b>4</b>	

**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

**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	Category
<i>Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.</i>	
<p><b>SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands</b></p> <p>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The dominant water regime is tidal,</li> <li>— Vegetated, and</li> <li>— With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 1.1</b>    <b>No = Not an estuarine wetland</b></p>	
<p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No - Go to <b>SC 1.2</b></p>	Cat. I
<p>SC 1.2. Is the wetland unit at least 1 ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 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 <i>Spartina</i>, see page 25)</li> <li>— At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or unmowed grassland.</li> <li>— The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Category II</b></p>	Cat. I  Cat. II
<p><b>SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)</b></p> <p>SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 2.2</b>    <b>No – Go to SC 2.3</b></p> <p>SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Not a WHCV</b></p> <p>SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf">http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – <b>Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 2.4</b>    <b>No = Not a WHCV</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Not a WHCV</b></p>	Cat. I
<p><b>SC 3.0. Bogs</b></p> <p>Does the wetland (or any part of the unit) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? <i>Use the key below. If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.</i></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 3.3</b>    <b>No – Go to SC 3.2</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 3.3</b>    <b>No = Is not a bog</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Is a Category I bog</b>    No – Go to <b>SC 3.4</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> 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.</p> <p>SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (&gt; 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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Is a Category I bog</b>    No = <b>Is not a bog</b></p>	Cat. I



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Wetland name or number E

## RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland E Date of site visit: 8-30-16

Rated by Wills, KT Trained by Ecology? Yes X No     Date of training 9/2016

HGM Class used for rating Riverine 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 Google

**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	
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>				
Site Potential	H <u>M</u> L	H <u>M</u> L	H <u>M</u> L	
Landscape Potential	<u>H</u> M L	H <u>M</u> L	<u>H</u> M L	
Value	H <u>M</u> L	H M <u>L</u>	<u>H</u> M L	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Score Based on Ratings</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>

**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	<u>N/A</u>

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## Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington

### Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	
Location of outlet ( <i>can be added to map of hydroperiods</i> )	D 1.1, D 4.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	R 2.4	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	
Width of unit vs. width of stream ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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 <b>dense</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of <b>dense, rigid</b> trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants ( <i>can be added to figure above</i> )	S 4.1	
Boundary of 150 ft buffer ( <i>can be added to another figure</i> )	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	

## HGM Classification of Wetlands in Western Washington

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

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

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

NO - go to 2

**YES** - the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe** - go to 1.1

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

**NO - Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

**YES - Freshwater Tidal Fringe**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is an **Estuarine** wetland and is not scored. This method **cannot** be used to score functions for estuarine wetlands.*

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

NO - go to 3

**YES** - The wetland class is **Flats**

*If your wetland can be classified as a Flats wetland, use the form for **Depressional** wetlands.*

3. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface at any time of the year) at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size;  
 At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 ft (2 m).

NO - go to 4

**YES** - The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

4. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),  
 The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks,  
 The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded**.

NO - go to 5

**YES** - The wetland class is **Slope**

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

5. Does the entire wetland unit **meet all** of the following criteria?

- The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river,  
 The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 2 years.

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NO – go to 6

**YES** The wetland class is **Riverine**

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

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

**NO** – go to 7

**YES** – The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

**NO** – go to 8

**YES** – The wetland class is **Depressional**

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

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

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

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

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**RIVERINE AND FRESHWATER TIDAL FRINGE WETLANDS**

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

<b>R 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?</b>		
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	<b>2</b>
Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland	points = 4	
Depressions present but cover < 1/2 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, <b>not</b> Cowardin classes)		
Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the wetland	points = 8	<b>8</b>
Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland	points = 6	
Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 2/3 area of the wetland	points = 6	
Herbaceous plants (> 6 in high) > 1/3 area of the wetland	points = 3	
Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of the wetland	points = 0	
<b>Total for R 1</b>	<b>Add the points in the boxes above</b>	<b>10</b>

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is:      12-16 = H   X   6-11 = M      0-5 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

<b>R 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?</b>		
R 2.1. Is the wetland within an incorporated city or within its UGA?	Yes = 2 No = 0	<b>2</b>
R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>1</b>
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	<b>1</b>
R 2.4. Is > 10% of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>1</b>
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	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>1</b>
Other sources <u>  pollutants from the river  </u>		
<b>Total for R 2</b>	<b>Add the points in the boxes above</b>	<b>6</b>

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is:   H   3-6 = H      1 or 2 = M      0 = L

*Record the rating on the first page*

<b>R 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?</b>		
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	<b>1</b>
R 3.2. Is the wetland along a stream or river that has TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>0</b>
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	<b>0</b>
<b>Total for R 3</b>	<b>Add the points in the boxes above</b>	<b>1</b>

**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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**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: <i>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).</i>		
If the ratio is more than 20	points = 9	<b>1</b>
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: <i>Treat large woody debris as forest or shrub. Choose the points appropriate for the best description (polygons need to have &gt;90% cover at person height. These are NOT Cowardin classes).</i>		
Forest or shrub for > <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> area OR emergent plants > <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> area	points = 7	<b>7</b>
Forest or shrub for > <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> area OR emergent plants > <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> area	points = 4	
Plants do not meet above criteria	points = 0	
<b>Total for R 4</b>	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>8</b>

**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	<b>1</b>
R 5.2. Does the up-gradient watershed include a UGA or incorporated area?	Yes = 1 No = 0	<b>1</b>
R 5.3. Is the up-gradient stream or river controlled by dams?	Yes = 0 No = 1	<b>0</b>
<b>Total for R 5</b>	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>2</b>

**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? <i>Choose the description that best fits the site.</i>		
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	<b>0</b>
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	<b>0</b>
<b>Total for R 6</b>	Add the points in the boxes above	<b>0</b>

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

**These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.**

**HABITAT FUNCTIONS** - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat

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

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

- Aquatic bed 4 structures or more: points = 4
  - Emergent 3 structures: points = 2
  - Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) 2 structures: points = 1
  - Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) 1 structure: points = 0
- If the unit has a Forested class, check if:*
- The Forested class has 3 out of 5 strata (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground-cover) that each cover 20% within the Forested polygon

**4**

H 1.2. Hydroperiods

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

- Permanently flooded or inundated 4 or more types present: points = 3
- Seasonally flooded or inundated 3 types present: points = 2
- Occasionally flooded or inundated 2 types present: points = 1
- Saturated only 1 type present: points = 0
- Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland
- Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland
- Lake Fringe wetland** **2 points**
- Freshwater tidal wetland** **2 points**

**2**

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft<sup>2</sup>.

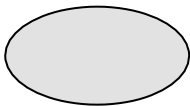
*Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species. Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle*

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

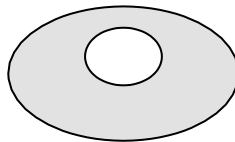
**2**

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

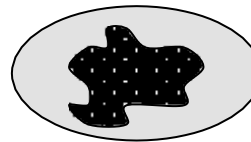
Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion among Cowardin plants classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none. *If you have four or more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always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



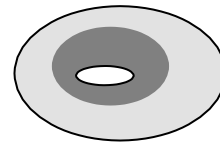
**None = 0 points**



**Low = 1 point**

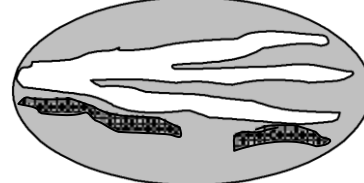
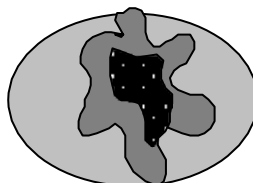
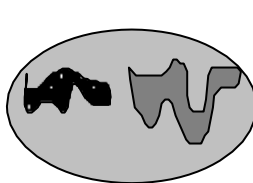


**Moderate = 2 points**



**3**

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



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<p>H 1.5. Special habitat features:</p> <p>Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. <i>The number of checks is the number of points.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (&gt; 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh &gt; 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) <b>and/or</b> 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)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (&gt; 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<i>cut shrubs or trees that have not yet weathered where wood is exposed</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least ¼ ac of thin-stemmed persistent plants or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (<i>structures for egg-laying by amphibians</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in every stratum of plants (<i>see H 1.1 for list of strata</i>)</p>	<b>2</b>
Total for H 1	Add the points in the boxes above
<b>13</b>	

**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?	
<p>H 2.1. Accessible habitat (include <i>only habitat that directly abuts wetland unit</i>).</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>9.7</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>30.5</u> = <u>40.2</u> %</p> <p>If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p>&gt; 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>20-33% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>10-19% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>&lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>3</b>
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>9.7</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>30.5</u> = <u>40.2</u> %</p> <p>Undisturbed habitat &gt; 50% of Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 3</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 2</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and &gt; 3 patches <span style="float: right;">points = 1</span></p> <p>Undisturbed habitat &lt; 10% of 1 km Polygon <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>1</b>
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p>&gt; 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use <span style="float: right;">points = (- 2)</span></p> <p>≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity <span style="float: right;">points = 0</span></p>	<b>0</b>
Total for H 2	Add the points in the boxes above
<b>4</b>	

**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

**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.

**CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Wetland Type	Category
<i>Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.</i>	
<p><b>SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands</b></p> <p>Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The dominant water regime is tidal,</li> <li>— Vegetated, and</li> <li>— With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes –Go to <b>SC 1.1</b>    <b>No= Not an estuarine wetland</b></p>	
<p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No - Go to <b>SC 1.2</b></p>	Cat. I
<p>SC 1.2. Is the wetland unit at least 1 ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 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 <i>Spartina</i>, see page 25)</li> <li>— At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or unmowed grassland.</li> <li>— The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Category II</b></p>	Cat. I  Cat. II
<p><b>SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)</b></p> <p>SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 2.2</b>    <b>No – Go to SC 2.3</b></p> <p>SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Not a WHCV</b></p> <p>SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? <a href="http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf">http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – <b>Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 2.4</b>    <b>No = Not a WHCV</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Category I</b>    No = <b>Not a WHCV</b></p>	Cat. I
<p><b>SC 3.0. Bogs</b></p> <p>Does the wetland (or any part of the unit) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? <i>Use the key below. If you answer YES you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.</i></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 3.3</b>    <b>No – Go to SC 3.2</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes – Go to <b>SC 3.3</b>    <b>No = Is not a bog</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Is a Category I bog</b>    No – Go to <b>SC 3.4</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> 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.</p> <p>SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (&gt; 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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = <b>Is a Category I bog</b>    No = <b>Is not a bog</b></p>	Cat. I





Wetland name or number E