



CRITICAL AREAS REPORT

FOR

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1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

On April 22, 2016 *Wetland Resources, Inc.* performed a site investigation on the 27.47-acre parcel (Tax #351044001000) located at 1609 Beaverton Valley Rd. in San Juan County. This site is further located as a portion of Section 10, Township 35N, Range 3E, W.M. The purpose of this site visit was to identify and delineate jurisdictional wetlands and/or streams on the site. During the investigation, WRI delineated three wetlands.

Access to the site is via a gravel road that meanders south through the site from Beaverton Valley Rd. The site was historically used as a small aircraft landing area. Remnants of the old landing strip exist within approximately the southwest quadrant of the site. Currently the site contains a small storage building and pump house, gravel and asphalt stockpiles and several retired police vehicles. The site also contains a large man-made pond that had been excavated several decades ago. Vegetation consists of a mix of forested areas and maintained grasses. Topography is variable, with gentle slopes less than 2% grade to more than 20% grade in areas north of the pond. Approximately 3/4 of the site, including the southeastern portion and northern half, is situated on a northern aspect. The remaining southwestern quarter of the site consists of a southwestern aspect. Surrounding land use consists of commercial/light industrial to the west, and large residential lots with pastures and hobby farms to all other directions.

Three wetlands were identified on this site and are labeled as Wetlands A, B, and C. There are also several mapped aquatic features in the vicinity of the site, including several excavated ponds and a large emergent wetland located offsite to the north.

Wetland A contains slope and depressional hydrogeomorphic classes and was rated as a depressional wetland. It originates in a grassy swale at the south end of the site along the east side of the old landing strip, flows north through maintained grasses and forest, and continues off-site to the northeast. Its outlet is small a drainage channel at the north end of a pond located just off-site the east. Wetland A receives a total of 14 points on the 2014 DOE Wetland Rating Form, and is therefore classified as a Category IV wetland.

Wetland B is a slope wetland with forested vegetation class located in the northwestern corner of the site. Hydrology appears to be sourced by surface runoff and small seeps that infiltrate at the north end of the wetland. Wetland B is a Category IV wetland with a total score of 14 points for functions.

Wetland C is a slope wetland with a mix of forest and herbaceous vegetation classes. This wetland drains off-site to the southwest, eventually to an off-site excavated pond area. There was little evidence of surface ponding in Wetland C. This wetland is classified as a Category IV wetland with 15 points for functions.

2.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION

Before conducting on-site investigations, a literature review was performed to identify records of critical areas within the project area. The following online resources were consulted for information on this project:

- **National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map**
(<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/mapper.html>)
NWI displays a large Palustrine emergent wetland located off-site to the north. It also displays the on-site pond and ponds surrounding the site. It incorrectly displays a drainage course meandering through the site. This drainage course does not exist on the site.
- **WDFW Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) Maps**
(<http://wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/phs/>)
PHS also displays the off-site wetland and pond features. No other habitats or species are displayed.
- **San Juan County - Polaris Property Search**
(<http://sjcgis.org/polaris/>)
The San Juan County GIS displays the onsite pond and two other wetland features. One of the mapped features is partially consistent with the location of Wetland A. The other small feature is incorrectly identified.

3.0 WETLAND CLASSIFICATION - COWARDIN SYSTEM

According to the Cowardin System, as described in *Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States* (Cowardin 1979), the classification for the on-site wetland and stream are as follows:

Wetland A: Palustrine, Forested, Broad-leaved Deciduous, Seasonally Flooded.

Wetland B: Palustrine, Forested, Broad-leaved Deciduous, Saturated Only.

Wetland C: Palustrine, Forested, Broad-leaved Deciduous, Saturated Only.

4.0 WETLAND CLASSIFICATION – SAN JUAN COUNTY

Wetlands were rated according to the most current/revised version of the *Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update*. (Publication #14-06-029). The San Juan County Critical Areas Ordinance Chapter 18.35.100 was used to determine protection requirements.

Wetland A, Category IV: Wetland A receives 14 points for functions on the 2014 DOE Wetland Rating Form. A score of 9-15 points results in a Category IV classification. The water quality buffer for Category IV wetlands is 50 feet and the habitat buffer is 50 feet for high intensity land use.

Wetland B, Category IV: Wetland B receives 14 points for functions on the 2014 DOE Wetland Rating Form, resulting in a Category IV classification. The water quality buffer is 50 feet and the habitat buffer is 50 feet for high intensity land use.

Wetland C, Category IV: Wetland C receives 15 points for functions on the 2014 DOE Wetland Rating Form, resulting in a Category IV classification. The water quality buffer is 50 feet and the habitat buffer is 50 feet for high intensity land use.

Pursuant to 18.35.100.B, buffers shall not extend across roads (private or public) when the road design, flow of runoff, quantity of traffic, and/or gap in tree canopy result in an area that does not support the functions and values of the wetland being protected as determined by a qualified professional. This is applicable for buffers associated with several of the wetlands in the vicinity and are shown on the associated Critical Area Study Map (Sheet 1/1).

5.0 DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

It is our understanding that a desired project for the subject site may include construction of a new access road and new storage facility. Any impacts to on-site critical areas or buffers would require mitigation planning that is not included in this report. Below are brief descriptions of the types of activities that may be pursued on this site.

Access roads are allowed across wetlands and/or buffers, provided they in conformance with SJCC 18.60.080 through 18.60.100 and SJCC 18.35.100F, F (1-11). Based on these requirements, and the existing conditions of the site, it appears that there is potential to construct an access road in the western part of the site. There is approximately 35 feet between the edge of Wetland B and the western property line. For buffer and wetland impacts, mitigation would need to be implemented in accordance with SJCC 18.35.020 through 18.35.050.

With regard to constructing a new storage building, it appears that there are several viable locations on the site that would not require any future buffer modifications.

According to SJCC 18.35.045, existing legally established structures, uses and activities existing on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section may continue in perpetuity. The existing uses on this site include the gravel road, and daily operations of vehicles and use of the existing storage building.

6.0 CRITICAL AREA DETERMINATION REPORT

6.1 METHODOLOGY

A boundary determination was conducted for any on-site critical areas. Wetland conditions were evaluated using the on-site, routine methodology described in the *2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0)*,

(referred as 2010 Regional Supplement) as required by the City of Kenmore. In general, wetland delineation consisted of two tasks: (1) assessing vegetation, soil, and hydrologic characteristics to identify areas meeting the wetland identification criteria, and (2) mapping wetland boundaries using aerial photography and existing survey information.

The following criteria descriptions were used in the boundary determination:

- 1.) Examination of the site for hydrophytic vegetation (species present and percent cover);
- 2.) Examination of the site for hydric soils;
- 3.) Determining the presence of wetland hydrology.

6.1.1 Hydrophytic Vegetation Criteria

The *2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0)* defines hydrophytic vegetation as the sum total of macrophytic plant life that occurs in areas where the frequency and duration of inundation or soil saturation produce permanently or periodically saturated soils of sufficient duration to exert a controlling influence on the plant species present. One of the most common indicators for hydrophytic vegetation is when more than 50 percent of a plant community consists of species rated “Facultative” and wetter on lists of plant species that occur in wetlands.

6.1.2 Soils Criteria and Mapped Description

The *2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0)* defines hydric soils as those that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. Field indicators are used for determining whether a given soil meets the definition for hydric soils.

According to NRCS Web Soil Survey, the soil map units Doebay-Cady-Rock Outcrop complex and Mitchellbay gravelly sandy loam appear on site. The Mitchellbay series consists of moderately deep, somewhat poorly drained soils formed in glacial drift over dense glaciomarine deposits. It is listed on the *Hydric Soils List for Washington*.

6.1.3 Hydrology Criteria

The *2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0)* states that “areas which are seasonally inundated and/or saturated to the surface for a consecutive number of days ≥ 12.5 percent of the growing season are wetlands, provided the soil and vegetation parameters are met. Areas inundated or saturated between 5 and 12.5 percent of the growing season in most years may or may not be wetlands. Areas saturated to the surface for less than 5 percent of the growing season are non-wetlands.” Field indicators are used for determining whether wetland hydrology parameters are met.

6.2 BOUNDARY DETERMINATION FINDINGS

6.2.1 Wetland A

In the herbaceous vegetated areas of Wetland A, dominant vegetation consists of Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*, FAC), water foxtail (*Alopecurus geniculatus*, FACW), and tall fescue (*Festuca*

arundinacea, FAC). The underlying soils are very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) gravelly sandy loam with dark gray (10YR 4/1) gravelly sandy loam and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redoximorphic features. The soils were saturated to the surface during the site investigation.

In the forested portions, the dominant vegetation consists of Douglas hawthorn (*Crategeous douglasii*, FAC), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniucus*, FAC), hardhack (*Spirea douglasii*, FACW), and slough sedge (*Carex obnupta*, OBL). The soils in these areas are black (10YR 2/1) silt loam at the surface with dark gray silty clay loam with dark yellow brown redoximorphic features.

6.2.2 Wetland B

The dominant vegetation found in Wetland B consists of red alder (*Alnus rubra*, FAC), pacific willow (*Salix lucida*, FACW), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*, FAC), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniucus*, FAC), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*, FAC), and field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*, FAC).

The underlying soils were black (10YR 2/1) sandy loam over dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) gravelly sandy loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redoximorphic features. The soils were saturated to within 2 inches of the surface at the time of the site visit.

6.2.3 Wetland C

In Wetland C, the dominant vegetation consists of Douglas hawthorn (*Crategeous douglasii*, FAC), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniucus*, FAC), snowberry (*Symphoricarpus albus*, FACU), field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*, FAC), and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*, FAC).

The underlying soils are very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) redoximorphic features over gray (10YR 5/1) gravelly sandy loam with dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redoximorphic features. The soils were saturated to within 8 inches of the surface at the time of the site visit.

Conclusion: The areas mapped as wetlands on this site contain a dominance of species rated “Facultative” or wetter, which meets the criteria for hydrophytic vegetation. Based on field indicators of hydric soils and hydrology, it appears that the areas mapped as wetland are saturated to the surface for more than 12.5 percent of the growing season, thereby meeting wetland criteria.

6.2.4 Uplands

Upland areas consist of a mix of forested and grassy areas. Dominant species found throughout the site include shore pine (*Pinus contorta*, FACU), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, FACU), himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniucus*, FAC), Nootka rose (*Rosa nutkana*, FAC), tall fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*, FAC), and orchard grass (*Dactylis glomerata*, FACU)

The underlying soils in the non-wetland areas of the site are generally very dark brown sandy 10YR 2/2 loam to dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) gravelly sandy loam. The soils were slightly moist throughout the profile at the time of the site investigation.

Based on the lack of field indicators, it appears that areas of the site mapped as non-wetland are not saturated to the surface for more than 12.5 percent of the growing season, thereby not fulfilling wetland hydrology criteria.

7.0 FUNCTIONS AND VALUES ASSESSMENT

7.1 METHODOLOGY

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

7.2 FUNCTIONS AND VALUES COMPONENTS

Wetlands in western Washington perform a variety of ecosystem functions. Included among the most important functions provided by wetlands are stormwater control, water quality improvement, fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetic value, recreational opportunities, and education. The most commonly assessed functions are Stormwater Storage/Flood flow Attenuation, Water Quality, and Wildlife Habitat. Assessments of these functions for the project site are provided below.

7.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS

In general, Wetlands A, B and C received moderately low scores for functions on the 2014 DOE Rating Form. This is due to the physical characteristics of these wetlands, their sloped nature, and surrounding landscape. Wetlands A, B and C all have relatively low potential for providing significant stormwater control functions or water quality improvement functions. The surrounding land use is mostly moderate intensity, which does offer relatively decent connection for wildlife usage. However, the habitat diversity within each of the wetlands is low and there are no special habitat features in the vicinity. Based on these conditions, the on-site wetlands were classified as Category IV wetlands.

8.0 USE OF THIS REPORT

This Critical Areas Report is supplied to San Juan County Public Works as a means of determining on-site critical area conditions, as needed during the planning and permitting process. This report is based largely on readily observable conditions and, to a lesser extent, on readily ascertainable conditions. No attempt has been made to determine hidden or concealed conditions.

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

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

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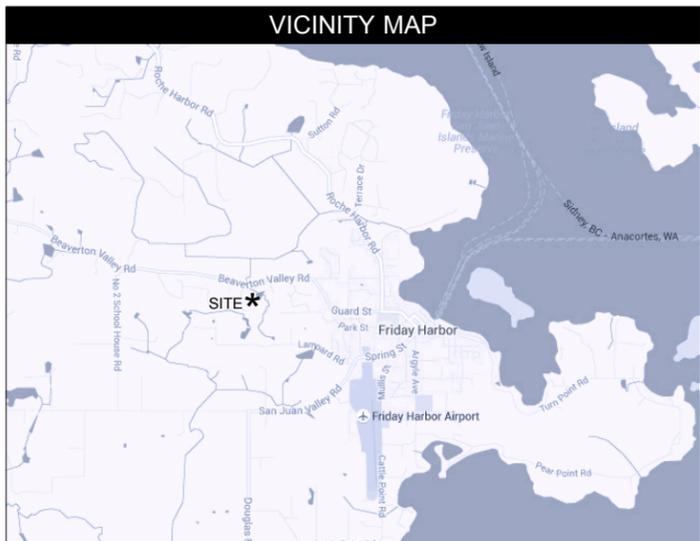
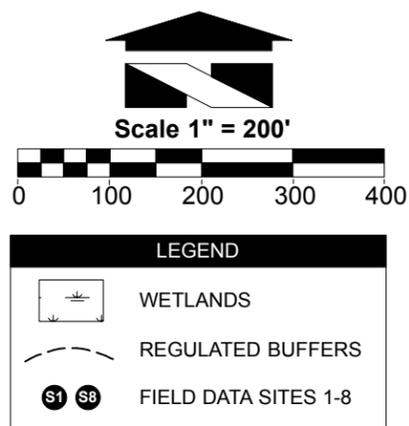
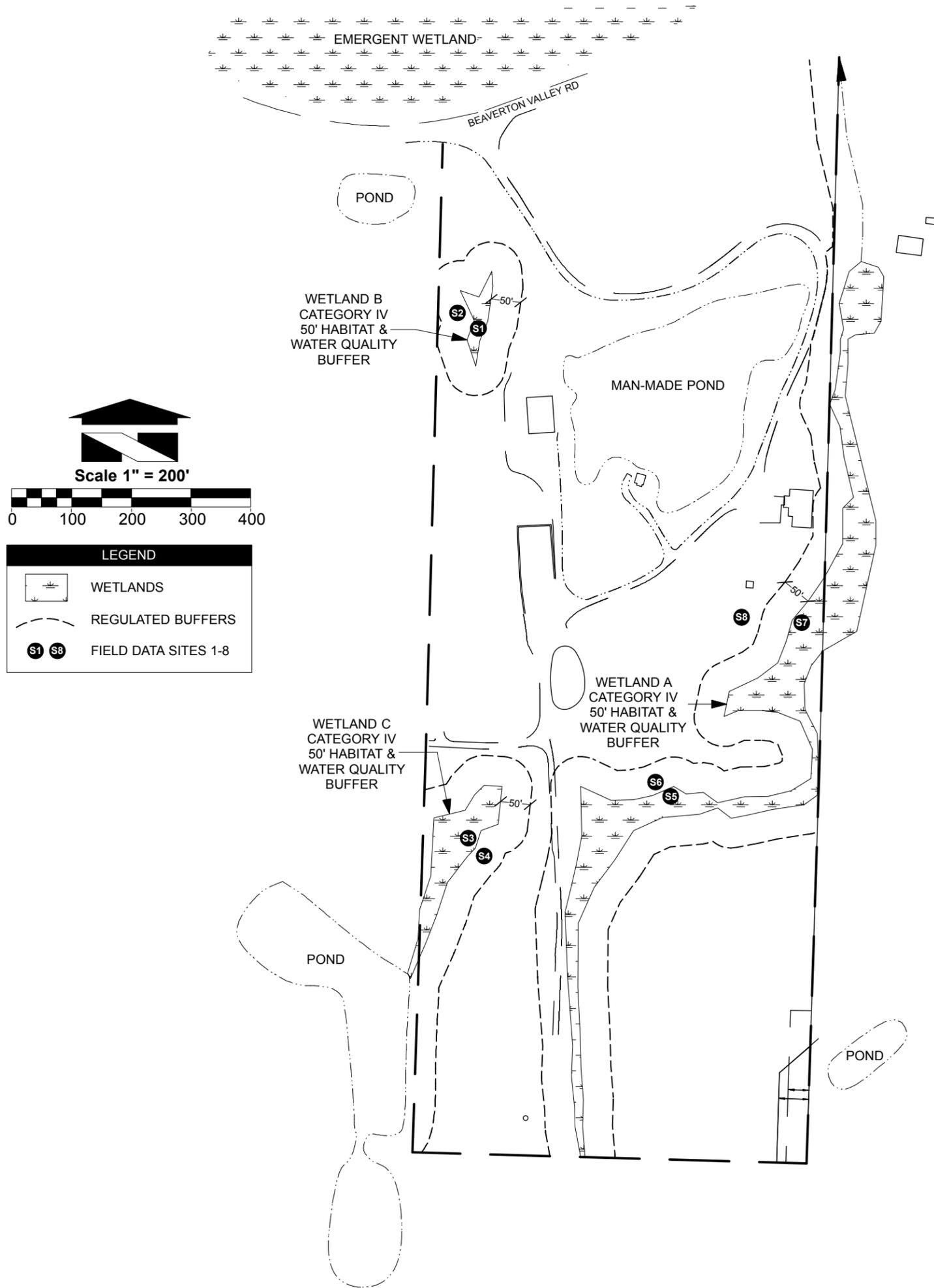
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CRITICAL AREA STUDY MAP
1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTER
 PORTION OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 35, RANGE 4E, W.M.



CRITICAL AREA STUDY MAP
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Wetland name or number A

RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland A Date of site visit: 4/22/16
 Rated by AB Trained by Ecology? Yes ___ No Date of training 5/2015
 HGM Class used for rating DEPRESSIONAL Wetland has multiple HGM classes? Y ___ N

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined).
 Source of base aerial photo/map San Juan County Polaris

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

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

- ___ Category I – Total score = 23 - 27
 ___ Category II – Total score = 20 - 22
 ___ Category III – Total score = 16 - 19
 Category IV – Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>				
Site Potential	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	
Landscape Potential	H <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	H <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H M L	
Value	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	TOTAL
Score Based on Ratings	4	4	5	13

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	1
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	2
Location of outlet (<i>can be added to map of hydroperiods</i>)	D 1.1, D 4.1	1
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (<i>can be added to another figure</i>)	D 2.2, D 5.2	1
Map of the contributing basin	D 4.3, D 5.3	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	None for this WRIA

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 dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of dense, rigid 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.

Wetland name or number A

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverine
Slope + Depressional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depressional
Slope + Lake Fringe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lake Fringe
Depressional + Riverine along stream within boundary of depression	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depressional
Depressional + Lake Fringe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depressional
Riverine + Lake Fringe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverine
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treat as ESTUARINE

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

Wetland name or number A

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

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

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

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

D 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?		
D 3.1. Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes = 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No = 0
D 3.2. Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where an aquatic resource is on the 303(d) list?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes = 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No = 0
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)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes = 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No = 0
Total for D 3		0

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

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Wetland name or number A

DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS

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

D 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?		
D 4.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet)	points = 4	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet	points = 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch	points = 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet	points = 7	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet	points = 5	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet	points = 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is a "headwater" wetland	points = 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water	points = 1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit	points = 5	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit	points = 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit	points = 0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entire wetland is in the Flats class	points = 5	
Total for D 4		5

Add the points in the boxes above

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

Record the rating on the first page

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

Add the points in the boxes above

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

Record the rating on the first page

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):		
<input type="checkbox"/> • Flooding occurs in a sub-basin that is immediately down-gradient of unit.	points = 2	0
<input type="checkbox"/> • Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient.	points = 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding from groundwater is an issue in the sub-basin.	points = 1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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		0

Add the points in the boxes above

Rating of Value If score is: 2-4 = H 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

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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

2

H 1.2. Hydroperiods

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

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

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H 1.3. Richness of plant species

Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft².

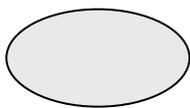
Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold and you do not have to name the species. Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle

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

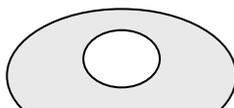
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H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersions 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.*



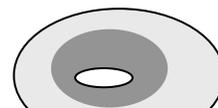
None = 0 points



Low = 1 point

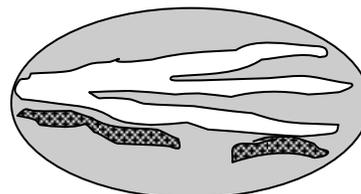
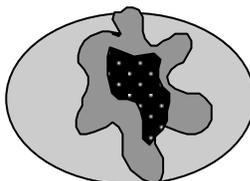
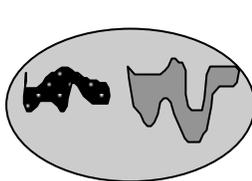


Moderate = 2 points



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All three diagrams in this row are **HIGH** = 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 type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) and/or overhanging plants extends at least 3.3 ft (1 m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33 ft (10 m)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<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 checked="" 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>		2
Total for H 1	Add the points in the boxes above	7

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>0</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>33</u> = <u>33</u> %</p> <p>If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> > 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon points = 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20-33% of 1 km Polygon points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10-19% of 1 km Polygon points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0</p>			2
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>0</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>46</u> = <u>46</u> %</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat > 50% of Polygon points = 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and > 3 patches points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0</p>			2
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> > 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use points = (- 2)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity points = 0</p>			0
Total for H 2	Add the points in the boxes above	4	

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: points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources</p> <p><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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) within 100 m points = 1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site does not meet any of the criteria above points = 0</p>			0

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

Wetland name or number A

WDFW Priority Habitats

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

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

- Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 1 ac (0.4 ha).
- Biodiversity Areas and Corridors:** Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report*).
- Herbaceous Balds:** Variable size patches of grass and forbs on shallow soils over bedrock.
- Old-growth/Mature forests:** Old-growth west of Cascade crest – Stands of at least 2 tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/ac (20 trees/ha) > 32 in (81 cm) dbh or > 200 years of age. Mature forests – Stands with average diameters exceeding 21 in (53 cm) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth; 80-200 years old west of the Cascade crest.
- Oregon White Oak:** Woodland stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158 – see web link above*).
- Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.
- Westside Prairies:** Herbaceous, non-forested plant communities that can either take the form of a dry prairie or a wet prairie (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 161 – see web link above*).
- Instream:** The combination of physical, biological, and chemical processes and conditions that interact to provide functional life history requirements for instream fish and wildlife resources.
- Nearshore:** Relatively undisturbed nearshore habitats. These include Coastal Nearshore, Open Coast Nearshore, and Puget Sound Nearshore. (*full descriptions of habitats and the definition of relatively undisturbed are in WDFW report – see web link on previous page*).
- Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages under the earth in soils, rock, ice, or other geological formations and is large enough to contain a human.
- Cliffs:** Greater than 25 ft (7.6 m) high and occurring below 5000 ft elevation.
- Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.5 - 6.5 ft (0.15 - 2.0 m), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs.
- Snags and Logs:** Trees are considered snags if they are dead or dying and exhibit sufficient decay characteristics to enable cavity excavation/use by wildlife. Priority snags have a diameter at breast height of > 20 in (51 cm) in western Washington and are > 6.5 ft (2 m) in height. Priority logs are > 12 in (30 cm) in diameter at the largest end, and > 20 ft (6 m) long.

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

Wetland name or number A

CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Wetland Type	Category
<p><i>Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.</i></p>	
<p>SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? <input type="checkbox"/> The dominant water regime is tidal, <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated, and <input type="checkbox"/> With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt Yes – Go to SC 1.1 No = Not an estuarine wetland</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? Yes = Category I No - Go to SC 1.2</p>	<p>Cat. I</p>
<p>SC 1.2. Is the wetland unit at least 1 ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or unmowed grassland. <input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands. Yes = Category I No = Category II</p>	<p>Cat. I Cat. II</p>
<p>SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV) SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value? Yes – Go to SC 2.2 No – Go to SC 2.3 SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value? Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf Yes – Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 2.4 No = Not a WHCV SC 2.4. Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and listed it on their website? Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV</p>	<p>Cat. I</p>
<p>SC 3.0. Bogs 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 SC 3.3 No – Go to SC 3.2 SC 3.2. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond? Yes – Go to SC 3.3 No = Is not a bog SC 3.3. Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least a 30% cover of plant species listed in Table 4? Yes = Is a Category I bog No – Go to SC 3.4 NOTE: If you are uncertain about the extent of mosses in the understory, you may substitute that criterion by measuring the pH of the water that seeps into a hole dug at least 16 in deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the plant species in Table 4 are present, the wetland is a bog. SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (> 30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann spruce, or western white pine, AND any of the species (or combination of species) listed in Table 4 provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy? Yes = Is a Category I bog No = Is not a bog</p>	<p>Cat. I</p>

Wetland name or number **A**_____

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Wetland name or number B

RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland B Date of site visit: 4/22/16
 Rated by AB Trained by Ecology? Yes ___ No Date of training 5/2015
 HGM Class used for rating SLOPE Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ___ Y N

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined).
 Source of base aerial photo/map San Juan County Polaris

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

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

- ___ Category I – Total score = 23 - 27
- ___ Category II – Total score = 20 - 22
- ___ Category III – Total score = 16 - 19
- Category IV – Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality		Hydrologic		Habitat		
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>							
Site Potential	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	
Landscape Potential	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	<input type="checkbox"/> H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	
Value	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L	TOTAL
Score Based on Ratings	5		4		5		14

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

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

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY
Estuarine	I II
Wetland of High Conservation Value	I
Bog	I
Mature Forest	I
Old Growth Forest	I
Coastal Lagoon	I II
Interdunal	I II III IV
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Wetland name or number B

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	1
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	2
Plant cover of dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	1
Plant cover of dense, rigid trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants (<i>can be added to figure above</i>)	S 4.1	1
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (<i>can be added to another figure</i>)	S 2.1, S 5.1	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	N/A for this WRIA

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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SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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

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

Record the rating on the first page

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

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 1-2 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

S 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?		
S 3.1. Does the wetland discharge directly (i.e., within 1 mi) to a stream, river, lake, or marine water that is on the 303(d) list?		
	Yes = 1 No = 0	0
S 3.2. Is the wetland in a basin or sub-basin where water quality is an issue? <i>At least one aquatic resource in the basin is on the 303(d) list.</i>		
	Yes = 1 No = 0	0
S 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 unit is found.</i>		
	Yes = 2 No = 0	0
Total for S 3		0

Rating of Value If score is: 2-4 = H 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

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SLOPE WETLANDS

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

S 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and stream erosion?

S 4.1. Characteristics of plants that reduce the velocity of surface flows during storms: Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits conditions in the wetland. *Stems of plants should be thick enough (usually > 1/8 in), or dense enough, to remain erect during surface flows.*

- Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland points = 1
- All other conditions points = 0

0

Rating of Site Potential If score is: 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

S 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?

S 5.1. Is more than 25% of the area within 150 ft upslope of wetland in land uses or cover that generate excess surface runoff?

Yes = 1 No = 0

1

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

S 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?

S 6.1. Distance to the nearest areas downstream that have flooding problems:

- The sub-basin immediately down-gradient of site has flooding problems that result in damage to human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds) points = 2
- Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient points = 1
- No flooding problems anywhere downstream points = 0

0

S 6.2. Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan?

Yes = 2 No = 0

0

Total for S 6

Add the points in the boxes above

0

Rating of Value If score is: 2-4 = H 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.

HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat

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

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

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic bed | 4 structures or more: points = 4 | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergent | 3 structures: points = 2 | |
| <input 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 | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flooded or inundated | 3 types present: points = 2 | |
| <input checked="" 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"/> Lake Fringe wetland | 2 points | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater tidal wetland | 2 points | |

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

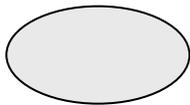
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft².

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

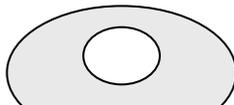
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| If you counted: > 19 species | points = 2 | 1 |
| 5 - 19 species | points = 1 | |
| < 5 species | points = 0 | |

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

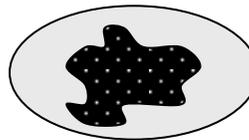
Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion among Cowardin plants classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none. *If you have four or more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always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



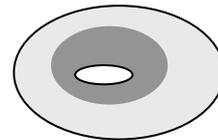
None = 0 points



Low = 1 point

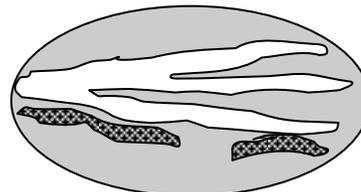
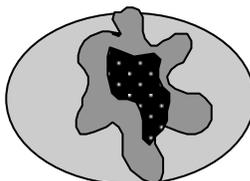
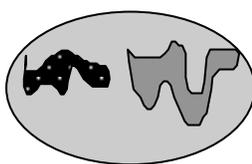


Moderate = 2 points



0

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 type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) and/or overhanging plants extends at least 3.3 ft (1 m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33 ft (10 m)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<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 checked="" 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>		1
Total for H 1	Add the points in the boxes above	3

Rating of Site Potential If score is: 15-18 = H 7-14 = M 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>0</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>28</u> = <u>28</u> %</p> <p>If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> > 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon points = 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20-33% of 1 km Polygon points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10-19% of 1 km Polygon points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0</p>		2
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>0</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>47</u> = <u>47</u> %</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat > 50% of Polygon points = 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and > 3 patches points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0</p>		2
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> > 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use points = (- 2)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity points = 0</p>		0
Total for H 2	Add the points in the boxes above	4

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 4-6 = H 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: points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources</p> <p><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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) within 100 m points = 1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site does not meet any of the criteria above points = 0</p>		0

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.

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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>SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? <input type="checkbox"/> The dominant water regime is tidal, <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated, and <input type="checkbox"/> With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt Yes –Go to SC 1.1 No= Not an estuarine wetland</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? Yes = Category I No - Go to SC 1.2</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? <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or unmowed grassland. <input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands. Yes = Category I No = Category II</p>	Cat. I Cat. II
<p>SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV) SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value? Yes – Go to SC 2.2 No – Go to SC 2.3 SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value? Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf Yes – Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 2.4 No = Not a WHCV SC 2.4. Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and listed it on their website? Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV</p>	Cat. I
<p>SC 3.0. Bogs 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 SC 3.3 No – Go to SC 3.2 SC 3.2. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond? Yes – Go to SC 3.3 No = Is not a bog SC 3.3. Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least a 30% cover of plant species listed in Table 4? Yes = Is a Category I bog No – Go to SC 3.4 NOTE: If you are uncertain about the extent of mosses in the understory, you may substitute that criterion by measuring the pH of the water that seeps into a hole dug at least 16 in deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the plant species in Table 4 are present, the wetland is a bog. SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (> 30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann spruce, or western white pine, AND any of the species (or combination of species) listed in Table 4 provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy? Yes = Is a Category I bog No = Is not a bog</p>	Cat. I

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Wetland name or number C

RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Wetland C Date of site visit: 4/22/16
 Rated by AB Trained by Ecology? Yes No Date of training 5/2015
 HGM Class used for rating SLOPE Wetland has multiple HGM classes? Y N

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (figures can be combined).
 Source of base aerial photo/map San Juan County Polaris

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY IV (based on functions or special characteristics)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

- Category I** – Total score = 23 - 27
 Category II – Total score = 20 - 22
 Category III – Total score = 16 - 19
 Category IV – Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
<i>Circle the appropriate ratings</i>				
Site Potential	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	
Landscape Potential	H <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	H <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H M L	
Value	H <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	H <input type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L	H M <input type="checkbox"/> L	TOTAL
Score Based on Ratings	5	5	5	15

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

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

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY
Estuarine	I II
Wetland of High Conservation Value	I
Bog	I
Mature Forest	I
Old Growth Forest	I
Coastal Lagoon	I II
Interdunal	I II III IV
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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	1
Hydroperiods	H 1.2	2
Plant cover of dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	1
Plant cover of dense, rigid trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants (<i>can be added to figure above</i>)	S 4.1	1
Boundary of 150 ft buffer (<i>can be added to another figure</i>)	S 2.1, S 5.1	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	N/A for this WRIA

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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SLOPE WETLANDS

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

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

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

Record the rating on the first page

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

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 1-2 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

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

Rating of Value If score is: 2-4 = H 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

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SLOPE WETLANDS

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

S 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and stream erosion?

S 4.1. Characteristics of plants that reduce the velocity of surface flows during storms: Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits conditions in the wetland. *Stems of plants should be thick enough (usually > 1/8 in), or dense enough, to remain erect during surface flows.*

- Dense, uncut, **rigid** plants cover > 90% of the area of the wetland points = 1
- All other conditions points = 0

0

Rating of Site Potential If score is: 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

S 5.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the hydrologic functions of the site?

S 5.1. Is more than 25% of the area within 150 ft upslope of wetland in land uses or cover that generate excess surface runoff?

Yes = 1 No = 0

1

Rating of Landscape Potential If score is: 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

S 6.0. Are the hydrologic functions provided by the site valuable to society?

S 6.1. Distance to the nearest areas downstream that have flooding problems:

- The sub-basin immediately down-gradient of site has flooding problems that result in damage to human or natural resources (e.g., houses or salmon redds) points = 2
- Surface flooding problems are in a sub-basin farther down-gradient points = 1
- No flooding problems anywhere downstream points = 0

0

S 6.2. Has the site been identified as important for flood storage or flood conveyance in a regional flood control plan?

Yes = 2 No = 0

0

Total for S 6

Add the points in the boxes above

0

Rating of Value If score is: 2-4 = H 1 = M 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

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These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.

HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat

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

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

- Aquatic bed 4 structures or more: points = 4
 - Emergent 3 structures: points = 2
 - Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) 2 structures: points = 1
 - 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

1

H 1.2. Hydroperiods

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

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

1

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

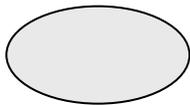
Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft².

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

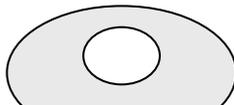
- If you counted:
- > 19 species points = 2
 - 5 - 19 species points = 1
 - < 5 species points = 0

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersions 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.*



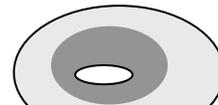
None = 0 points



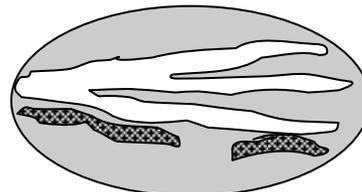
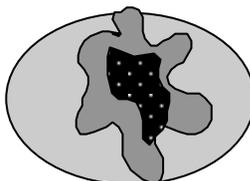
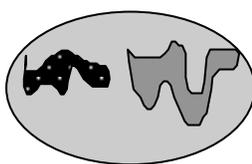
Low = 1 point



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 type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and 6 ft long).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (dbh > 4 in) within the wetland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) and/or overhanging plants extends at least 3.3 ft (1 m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at least 33 ft (10 m)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (<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 checked="" 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>		1
Total for H 1	Add the points in the boxes above	4

Rating of Site Potential If score is: 15-18 = H 7-14 = M 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>0</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>36</u> = <u>36</u> %</p> <p>If total accessible habitat is:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 1/3 (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon points = 3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 20-33% of 1 km Polygon points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10-19% of 1 km Polygon points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0</p>		3
<p>H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around the wetland.</p> <p><i>Calculate:</i> % undisturbed habitat <u>0</u> + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] <u>47</u> = <u>47</u> %</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat > 50% of Polygon points = 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and in 1-3 patches points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat 10-50% and > 3 patches points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed habitat < 10% of 1 km Polygon points = 0</p>		2
<p>H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon: If</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> > 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity land use points = (- 2)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≤ 50% of 1 km Polygon is high intensity points = 0</p>		0
Total for H 2	Add the points in the boxes above	5

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: points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see next page)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on the state or federal lists)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW priority species</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural Resources</p> <p><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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats (listed on next page) within 100 m points = 1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site does not meet any of the criteria above points = 0</p>		0

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.

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Wetland Type	Category
<p><i>Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.</i></p>	
<p>SC 1.0. Estuarine wetlands Does the wetland meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? <input type="checkbox"/> The dominant water regime is tidal, <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated, and <input type="checkbox"/> With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt Yes – Go to SC 1.1 No = Not an estuarine wetland</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? Yes = Category I No - Go to SC 1.2</p>	<p>Cat. I</p>
<p>SC 1.2. Is the wetland unit at least 1 ac in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or unmowed grassland. <input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has at least two of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands. Yes = Category I No = Category II</p>	<p>Cat. I Cat. II</p>
<p>SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV) SC 2.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value? Yes – Go to SC 2.2 No – Go to SC 2.3 SC 2.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value? Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV SC 2.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf Yes – Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 2.4 No = Not a WHCV SC 2.4. Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and listed it on their website? Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV</p>	<p>Cat. I</p>
<p>SC 3.0. Bogs 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 SC 3.3 No – Go to SC 3.2 SC 3.2. Does an area within the wetland unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or pond? Yes – Go to SC 3.3 No = Is not a bog SC 3.3. Does an area with peats or mucks have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND at least a 30% cover of plant species listed in Table 4? Yes = Is a Category I bog No – Go to SC 3.4 NOTE: If you are uncertain about the extent of mosses in the understory, you may substitute that criterion by measuring the pH of the water that seeps into a hole dug at least 16 in deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the plant species in Table 4 are present, the wetland is a bog. SC 3.4. Is an area with peats or mucks forested (> 30% cover) with Sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann spruce, or western white pine, AND any of the species (or combination of species) listed in Table 4 provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy? Yes = Is a Category I bog No = Is not a bog</p>	<p>Cat. I</p>

Wetland name or number C

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WETLAND B
FORESTED CLASS
SATURATED/
OCCASIONALLY FLOODED

OUTLET

PERMANENTLY
PONDED 9%

150'

WETLAND A
FORESTED &
EMERGENT CLASS
SEASONALLY PONDED &
SATURATED ONLY

150'

WETLAND C
FORESTED &
EMERGENT CLASS
SATURATED/
OCCASIONALLY
FLOODED

150'

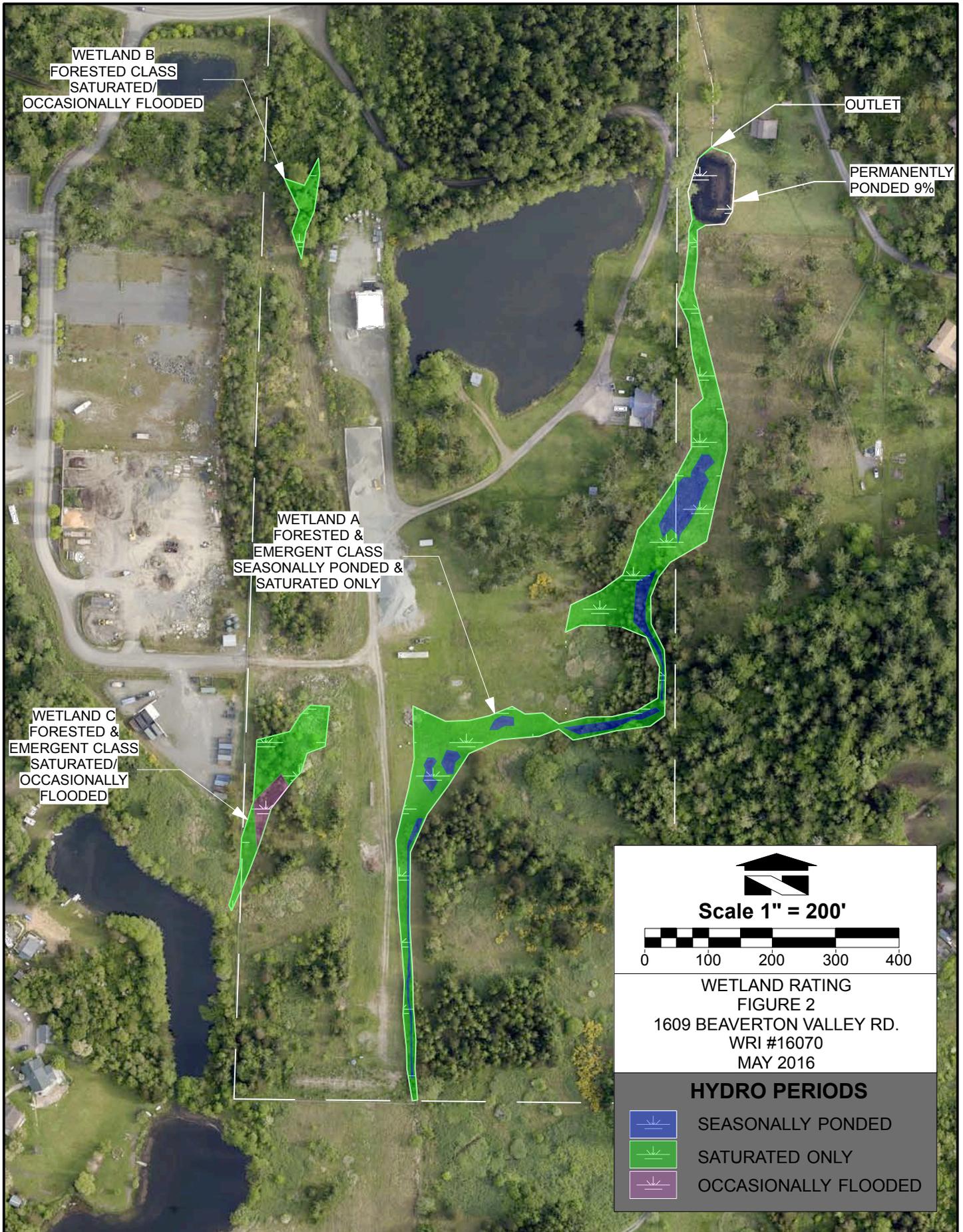

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WETLAND RATING
FIGURE 1
1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD.
WRI #16070
MAY 2016

VEGETATION CLASSES

-  FORESTED CLASS
-  EMERGENT CLASS



WETLAND B
FORESTED CLASS
SATURATED/
OCCASIONALLY FLOODED

OUTLET

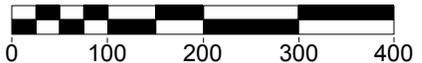
PERMANENTLY
PONDED 9%

WETLAND A
FORESTED &
EMERGENT CLASS
SEASONALLY PONDED &
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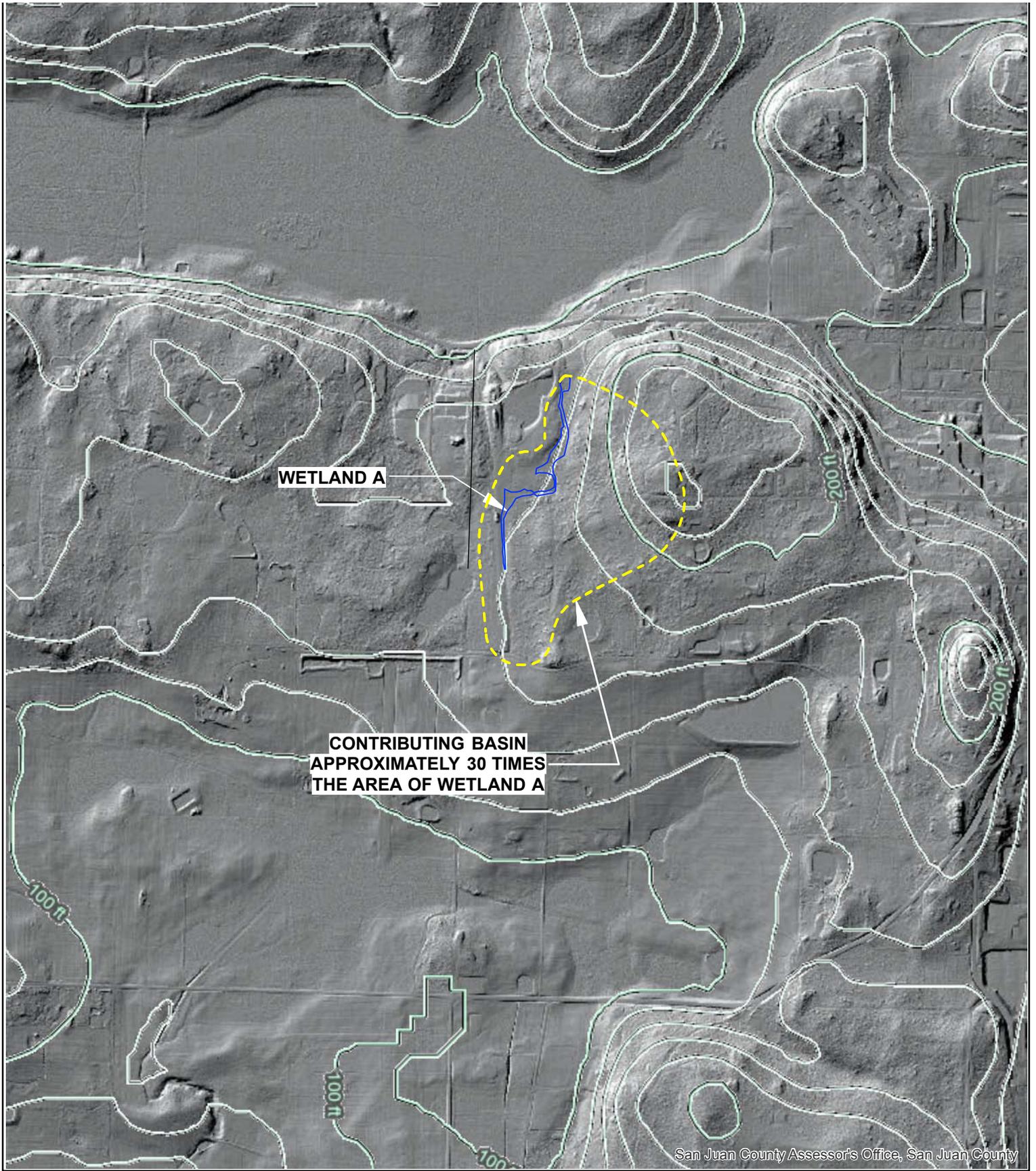
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WETLAND RATING
FIGURE 2
1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD.
WRI #16070
MAY 2016

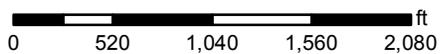
HYDRO PERIODS

-  SEASONALLY PONDED
-  SATURATED ONLY
-  OCCASIONALLY FLOODED

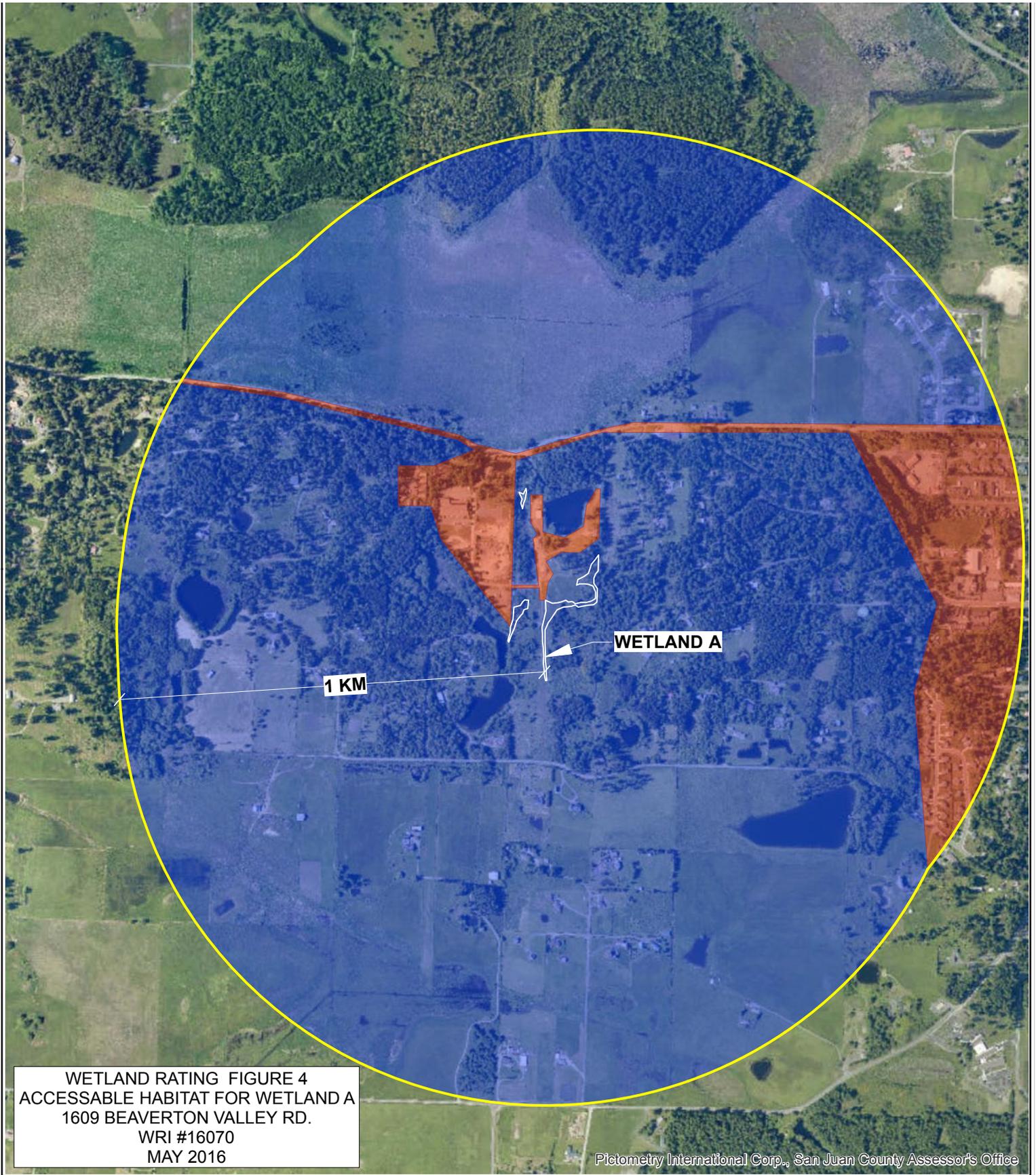


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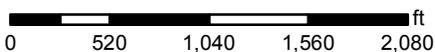


**WETLAND RATING
FIGURE 3
1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD.
WRI #16070
MAY 2016**



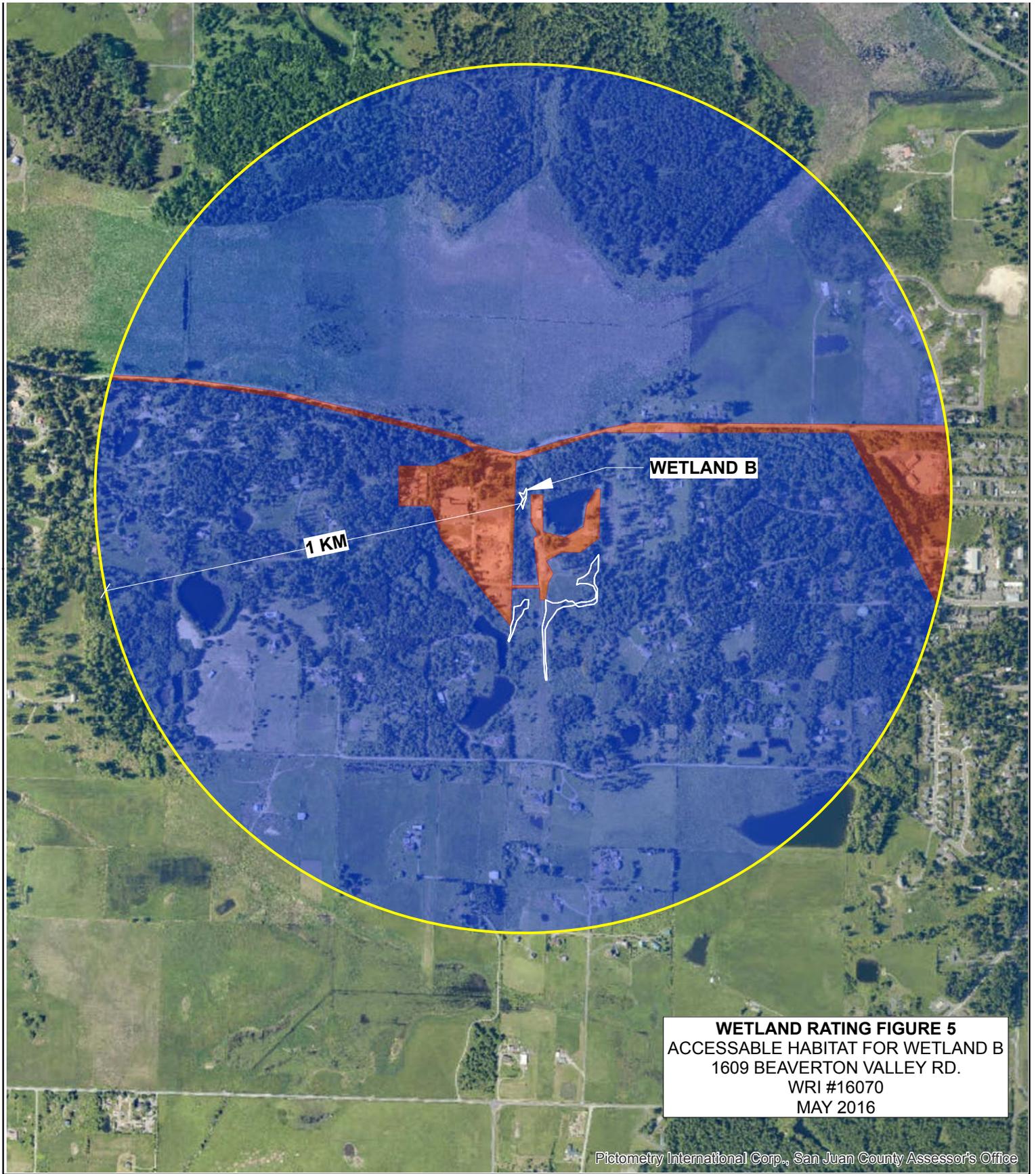
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LAND USE INTENSITY

	MODERATE INTENSITY LAND USE
	HIGH INTENSITY LAND USE



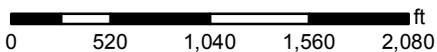
WETLAND RATING FIGURE 5
 ACCESSABLE HABITAT FOR WETLAND B
 1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD.
 WRI #16070
 MAY 2016

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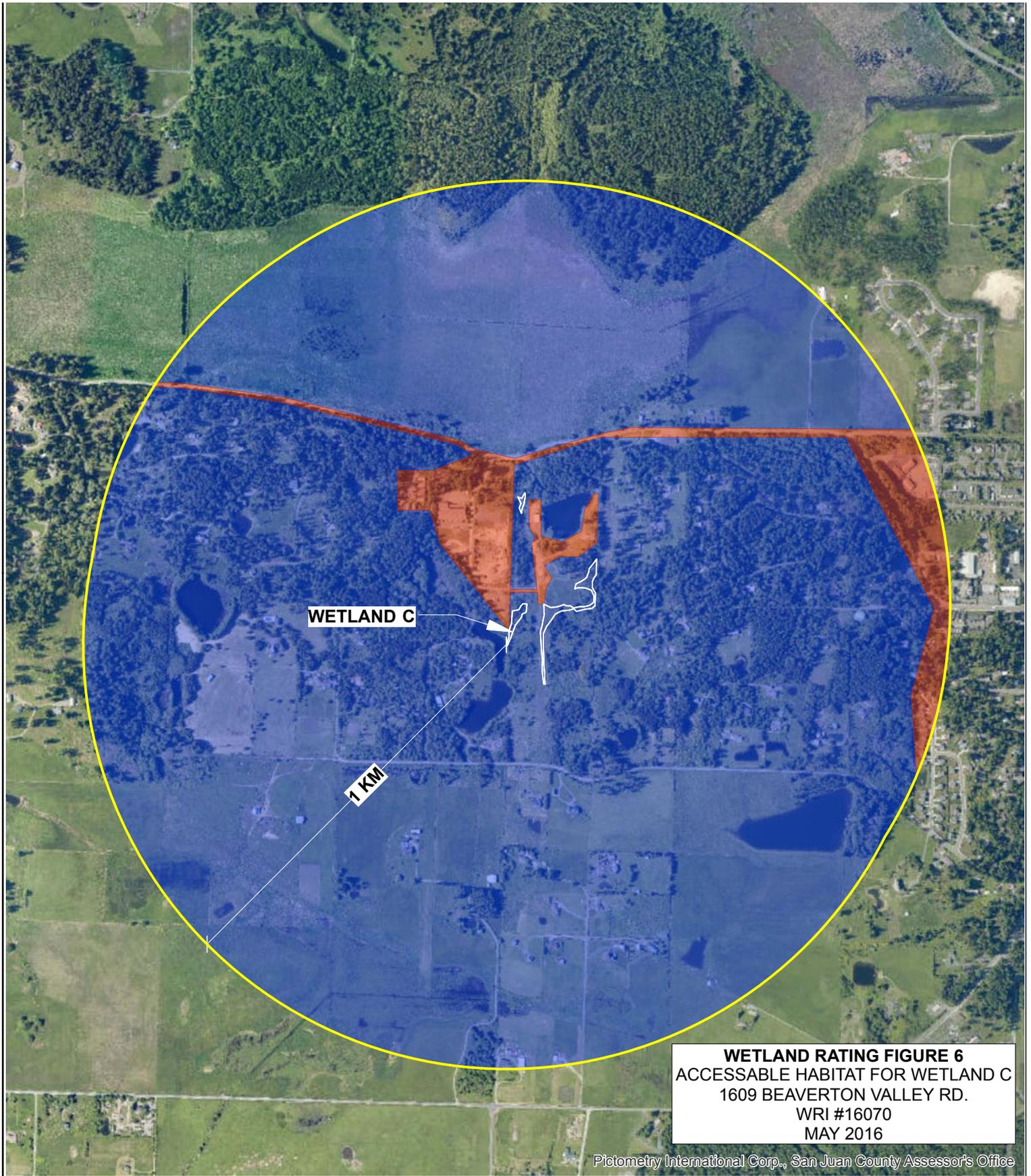
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LAND USE INTENSITY

- MODERATE INTENSITY LAND USE
- HIGH INTENSITY LAND USE



WETLAND C

1 KM

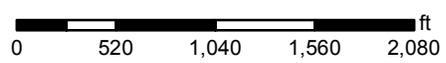
WETLAND RATING FIGURE 6
ACCESSIBLE HABITAT FOR WETLAND C
1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD.
WRI #16070
MAY 2016

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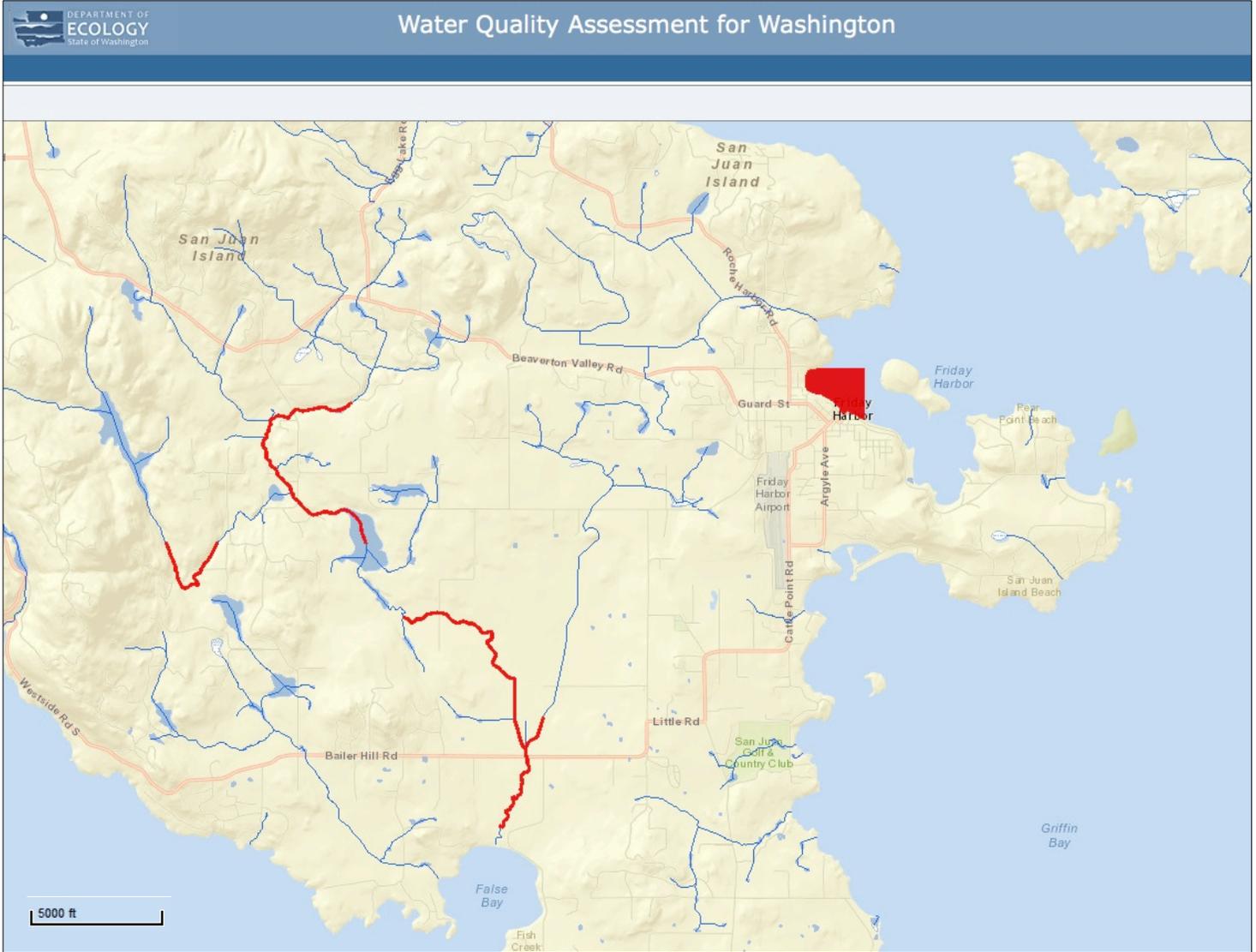
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LAND USE INTENSITY	
	MODERATE INTENSITY LAND USE
	HIGH INTENSITY LAND USE

WETLAND RATING FIGURE 7
SCREEN CAPTURE OF 303(d) LISTED WATER IN BASIN
1609 BEAVERTON VALLEY RD.
WRI #16070
MAY 2016



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

Project/Site: SJC PW - Beaverton Valley Rd Ops Ctr City/County: Friday Harbor/San Juan Co. Sampling Date: 4/22/16
 Applicant/Owner: San Juan Co. Public Works State: WA Sampling Point: 2
 Investigator(s): AB Section, Township, Range: S12, T27N, R4E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley/valley side Local relief (concave, convex, none): slope Slope (%): 5
 Subregion (LRR): LRR-A Lat: 48°32'13.87"N Long: 123° 2'38.47"W Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Mitchellbay gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>Pinus contorta</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>6</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>30</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = <u>0</u> FACW species _____ x 2 = <u>0</u> FAC species _____ x 3 = <u>0</u> FACU species _____ x 4 = <u>0</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = <u>0</u> Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
<u>15</u> = Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. <u>Holodiscus discolor</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
2. <u>Cytisus scoparius</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>30</u> = Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. <u>Fragaria vesca</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
2. <u>Dactylis glomerata</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
3. <u>Vicia sativa</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>UPL</u>	
4. <u>Hoculs lanatus</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>40</u> = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks:				

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

Project/Site: SJC PW - Beaverton Valley Rd Ops Ctr City/County: Friday Harbor/San Juan Co. Sampling Date: 4/22/16
 Applicant/Owner: San Juan Co. Public Works State: WA Sampling Point: 3
 Investigator(s): AB Section, Township, Range: S12, T27N, R4E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley/valley side Local relief (concave, convex, none): slope Slope (%): 2
 Subregion (LRR): LRR-A Lat: 48°32'13.87"N Long: 123° 2'38.47"W Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Mitchellbay gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>Cretaceous douglasii</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>5</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>80</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	<u>35</u>	<u>= Total Cover</u>		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Prevalence Index worksheet:
1. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u> </u> Total % Cover of: <u> </u> Multiply by:
2. <u>Symphoricarpus albus</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	OBL species _____ x 1 = <u>0</u>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species _____ x 2 = <u>0</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species _____ x 3 = <u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species _____ x 4 = <u>0</u>
	<u>25</u>	<u>= Total Cover</u>		UPL species _____ x 5 = <u>0</u>
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B)
1. <u>Equisetum arvense</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
2. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50%
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	<u>100</u>	<u>= Total Cover</u>		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	<u>= Total Cover</u>		
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:				

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

Project/Site: SJC PW - Beaverton Valley Rd Ops Ctr City/County: Friday Harbor/San Juan Co. Sampling Date: 4/22/16
 Applicant/Owner: San Juan Co. Public Works State: WA Sampling Point: 4
 Investigator(s): AB Section, Township, Range: S12, T27N, R4E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley/valley side Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0
 Subregion (LRR): LRR-A Lat: 48°32'13.87"N Long: 123° 2'38.47"W Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Mitchellbay gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>Cretaceous douglasii</u>	25	Y	FAC	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>5</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>7</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>71</u> (A/B)
	25	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Prevalence Index worksheet:
1. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	35	Y	FAC	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
2. <u>Symphoricarpus albus</u>	15	Y	FACU	OBL species _____ x 1 = <u>0</u>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species _____ x 2 = <u>0</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species _____ x 3 = <u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species _____ x 4 = <u>0</u>
	50	= Total Cover		UPL species _____ x 5 = <u>0</u>
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B)
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	20	Y	FACW	Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
2. <u>Holcus lanatus</u>	20	Y	FAC	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
3. <u>Equisetum arvense</u>	15	Y	UPL	
4. <u>Viccia sativa</u>	15	Y	FACU	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	70	= Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	= Total Cover		
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks:				

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

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 Applicant/Owner: San Juan Co. Public Works State: WA Sampling Point: 5
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Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>3</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = <u>0</u> FACW species _____ x 2 = <u>0</u> FAC species _____ x 3 = <u>0</u> FACU species _____ x 4 = <u>0</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = <u>0</u> Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. <u>Poa pratensis</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
2. <u>Alopecurus geniculatus</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
3. <u>Festuca arundinacea</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>90</u> = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks:				

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

Project/Site: SJC PW - Beaverton Valley Rd Ops Ctr City/County: Friday Harbor/San Juan Co. Sampling Date: 4/22/16
 Applicant/Owner: San Juan Co. Public Works State: WA Sampling Point: 6
 Investigator(s): AB Section, Township, Range: S12, T27N, R4E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley/valley side Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0
 Subregion (LRR): LRR-A Lat: 48°32'13.87"N Long: 123° 2'38.47"W Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Mitchellbay gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status		
Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
3. _____	_____	_____	_____		
4. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = <u>0</u> FACW species _____ x 2 = <u>0</u> FAC species _____ x 3 = <u>0</u> FACU species _____ x 4 = <u>0</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = <u>0</u> Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
3. _____	_____	_____	_____		
4. _____	_____	_____	_____		
5. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) <small>¹Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.</small>	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)					
1. <u>Festuca arundinacea</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>		
2. <u>Dactylis glomerata</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>		
3. <u>Agrostis tenuis</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FAC</u>		
4. <u>Viccia sativa</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>UPL</u>		
5. _____	_____	_____	_____		
6. _____	_____	_____	_____		
7. _____	_____	_____	_____		
8. _____	_____	_____	_____		
9. _____	_____	_____	_____		
10. _____	_____	_____	_____		
11. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover				Remarks:	
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____					

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

Project/Site: SJC PW - Beaverton Valley Rd Ops Ctr City/County: Friday Harbor/San Juan Co. Sampling Date: 4/22/16
 Applicant/Owner: San Juan Co. Public Works State: WA Sampling Point: 7
 Investigator(s): AB Section, Township, Range: S12, T27N, R4E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley/valley side Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 0
 Subregion (LRR): LRR-A Lat: 48°32'13.87"N Long: 123° 2'38.47"W Datum: NAD 83
 Soil Map Unit Name: Mitchellbay gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>Crategeous douglasii</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>4</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	<u>20</u>	<u>= Total Cover</u>		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Prevalence Index worksheet:
1. <u>Spirea douglasii</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by:
2. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	OBL species _____ x 1 = <u>0</u>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species _____ x 2 = <u>0</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species _____ x 3 = <u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species _____ x 4 = <u>0</u>
	<u>40</u>	<u>= Total Cover</u>		UPL species _____ x 5 = <u>0</u>
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B)
1. <u>Carex stipata</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>OBL</u>	Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
2. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
3. <u>Rubus ursinus</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
	<u>89</u>	<u>= Total Cover</u>		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50%
	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹
	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
	_____	_____	_____	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks:

