Appendix B
Wetland Mitigation Site Rating and Data Forms (by Site)

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WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): Ambordin Creek WL's. Date of site visit: June 24, 2009

Rated by: PAT Toghus Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No____ Date of training: 5/05

SEC:____ TWNSHP:____ RNGE:____ Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes____ No ____

Map of wetland unit: Figure____ Estimated size____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland: I____ II____ III____ IV____

Category I =	Score > 70	Score for Water Quality Functions	16
Category II =	Score 51 - 69	Score for Hydrologic Functions	26
Category III =	Score 30 – 50	Score for Habitat Functions	19
Category IV =	Score < 30	TOTAL Score for Functions	61

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTCS of Wetland I____ II____ Does not apply____

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above") II

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit.

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics		Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Estuarine		**Depressional**	
Natural Heritage Wetland		**Riverine**	✓
Bog		**Lake-fringe**	
Mature Forest		**Slope**	
Old Growth Forest		**Flats**	
Coastal Lagoon		**Freshwater Tidal**	
Interdunal			
None of the above	✓	Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	

Does the wetland being rated meet any of the criteria below? If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands that Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered **animal or plant** species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered **animal** species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category 1 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands in to those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

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Classification of Vegetated Wetlands for Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**
   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?
   YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is a Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were call estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p. _____).

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is 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 meet both of the following criteria?
   N The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) where at least 20 acres (8ha) in size;
   N At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 (2 m)?
   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)**

4. Does the entire wetland meet all of the following criteria?
   Y The wetland is on a slope *(slope can be very gradual).*
   Y 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**?
   NOTE: *Surface water does not pond in these types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

5. Does the entire wetland meet all of the following criteria?
   Y The unit is in a valley or stream channel where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river.
   Y The overbank flooding occurs at least once every two years.
   NOTE: *The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding..*
   NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time of 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 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

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

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D. Depressional and Flat Wetlands	Points (only 1 score per box)
WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality	
D 1 Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?	*(see p. 38)*
D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) ..... points = 3 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted, permanently flowing outlet ..... points = 2 • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (*permanently flowing*) ..... points = 1 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch ..... points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* **Provide photo or drawing**	**Figure ___**
D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (*use NRCS definitions*) **YES** points = 4 **NO** points = 0	
D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class): • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 95% of area ..... points = 5 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/2 of area ..... points = 3 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area ..... points = 1 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation < 1/10 of area ..... points = 0 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area of the wetland that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 years.* • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/2 total area of wetland ..... points = 4 • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland ..... points = 2 • Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland ..... points = 0 **Map of Hydroperiods**	**Figure ___**
Total for D 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 2 Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality? Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 44)* Multiplier _____
◆ **TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from D1 by D2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation	
D 3 Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?	*(see p. 46)*
D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) ..... points = 4 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet ..... points = 2 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key) or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch ..... points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet *(permanently flowing)* ..... points = 0	
D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods. *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).* • Marks of ponding are 3 ft. or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet ..... points = 7 • The wetland is a "headwater" wetland ..... points = 5 • Marks of ponding between 2 ft. to < 3 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet ..... points = 5 • Marks are at least 0.5 ft. to < 2 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet ..... points = 3 • Wetland is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key)but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1 • Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft ..... points = 0	
D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* • The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit ..... points = 5 • The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit ..... points = 3 • The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit ..... points = 0 • Entire unit is in the FLATS class ..... points = 5	
Total for D 3 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 4 Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion? Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from	*(see p. 49)* Multiplier _____

	groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. *Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply.* ____ Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems. ____ Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from D3 by D4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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R	Riverine and Freshwater Tidal Fringe Wetlands	Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality	
R 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.52)*	
	R 1.1 Area of surface depressions within the riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event: • Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland ..... points = 8 • Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland ..... points = 4 **(If depressions > 1/2 of area of unit draw polygons on aerial photo or map)** • Depressions present but cover < 1/2 area of wetland. ..... points = 2 • No depressions present ..... points = 0	**Figure** ___ 2
	R 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the unit (areas with >90% cover at person height): • Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the unit ..... points = 8 • Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland ..... points = 6 • Ungrazed, herbaceous plants > 2/3 area of unit ..... points = 6 • Ungrazed herbaceous plants > 1/3 area of unit ..... points = 3 • Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of unit ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___ 6
	Add the points in the boxes above	8
R 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ___ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ___ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ___ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ___ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ✓ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ___ The river or stream linked to the wetland has a contributing basin where human activities have raised levels of sediment, toxic compounds or nutrients in the river water above standards for water quality. ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 53)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from R1 by R2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	16
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion	
R 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.54)*
	R 3.1 Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of unit) / (average width of stream between banks).* est. by aerial • If the ratio is more than 20 ..... points = 9 • If the ratio is between 10 – 20 ..... points = 6 • If the ratio is 5- <10 ..... points = 4 • If the ratio is 1- <5 ..... points = 2 • If the ratio is < 1 ..... points = 1 **Aerial photo or map showing average widths**	**Figure** ___ 6
	R 3.2 Characteristics of vegetation that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as "forest or shrub". Choose the points appropriate for the best description. (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height NOT Cowardin classes):* • Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR herbaceous plants > 2/3 area ..... points = 7 • Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR herbaceous plants > 1/3 area ..... points = 4 • Vegetation does not meet above criteria ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___ 7
	Add the points in the boxes above	13
R 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the wetland is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ✓ There are human structures and activities downstream (roads, buildings, bridges, farms) that can be damaged by flooding. ___ There are natural resources downstream (e.g. salmon redds) that can be damaged by flooding ___ Other ___ *(Answer NO if the major source of water to the wetland is controlled by a reservoir or the wetland is tidal fringe along the sides of a dike)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.57)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from R3 by R4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	26

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L	Lake-fringe Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
L 1	**Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.59)*	
	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore (use polygons of Cowardin classes): • Vegetation is more than 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • Vegetation is more than 16 ft.(5m) wide and < 33 ft ..... points = 3 • Vegetation is more than 6 ft. (2m) wide and < 16 ft ..... points = 1 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. wide ..... points = 0 **Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked**	**Figure ___**
	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *Choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 90% of the vegetated area ..... points = 6 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 2/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 4 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 1/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area ..... points = 1 • Aquatic bed cover and open water > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 0 **Map with polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure ___**
	Add the points in the boxes above	
L 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ____ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce shoreline erosion.	
L 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
	L 3 Average width and characteristics of vegetation along the lakeshore *(do not include aquatic bed): (choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2m) wide ..... points = 4 • 1/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 4 • Vegetation is at least 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 2 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	Record the points in the boxes above	
L 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. ____ There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests, other wetlands) that can be damaged by shoreline erosion. ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 64)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L3 by L4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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S	Slope Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
S 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.64)*
	S 1.1 Characteristics of average slope of unit: • Slope is 1% or less *(a 1% slope has a 1 ft. vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft. horizontal distance)*..... points = 3 • Slope is 1% - 2%..... points = 2 • Slope is 2% - 5%..... points = 1 • Slope is greater than 5%..... points = 0	
	S 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay, organic *(Use NRCS definitions).* **YES** = 3 points **NO** = 0 points	
	S 1.3 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: *Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the vegetation in the wetland. Dense vegetation means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 inches.* • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 90% of the wetland area ..... points = 6 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/2 of area ..... points = 3 • Dense, woody, vegetation > 1/2 of area. ..... points = 2 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/4 of area ..... points = 1 • Does not meet any of the criteria above for vegetation..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with vegetation polygons**	**Figure ___**
	Total for S 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
S 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields, logging, or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential, urban areas, or golf courses are within 150 ft. upslope of wetland ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 67)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from S1 by S2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
S 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and stream erosion?**	*(see p.68)*
	S 3.1 Characteristics of vegetation 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 > 1/8in), or dense enough to remain erect during surface flows).* • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation covers > 90% of the area of the wetland..... points = 6 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation> 1/2 area of wetland ..... points = 3 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation > 1/4 area..... points = 1 • More than 1/4 of area is grazed, mowed, tilled, or vegetation is not rigid..... points = 0	
	S 3.2 Characteristics of slope wetland that holds back small amounts of flood flows. The slope has small surface depressions that can retain water over at least 10% of its area. **YES** = 2 points **NO** = 0 points	
	Add the points in the boxes above	
S 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Is the wetland in a landscape position where the reduction in water velocity it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ Wetland has surface runoff that drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water is controlled by a reservoir (e.g. wetland is a seep that is on the downstream side of a dam)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 70)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from S3 by S4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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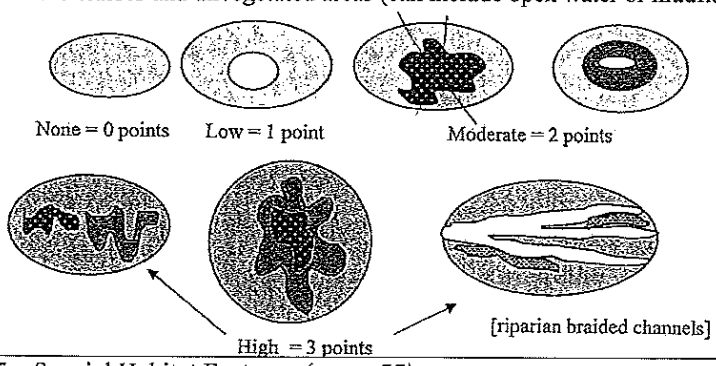
These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see P. 72)*: *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) – Size threshold for each class is 1/4 acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ___ Aquatic Bed ✓ Emergent plants ___ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) *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. *Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:* 4 structures or more.....points = 4 2 structures.....points = 1 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes** (3) structures..... points = 2 1 structure ..... points = 0	**Figure ___** 2
H 1.2 Hydroperiods *(see p.73)*: *Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 acre to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).* ___ Permanently flooded or inundated ___ Seasonally flooded or inundated ✓ Occasionally flooded or inundated ___ Saturated only ✓ 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** 4 or more types present points = 3 3 or more types present.....points = 2 2 types present.....points = (1) 1 type present.....points = 0 **Map of hydroperiods**	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.3 Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)*: Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2 *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 List species below if you want to: _____ _____ _____ _____	2
H 1.4 Interspersion of Habitats *(see p. 76)*: Decided from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation (described in H1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  Note: If you have 4 or more classes or 3 vegetation classes and open water, the rating is always "high". **Use map of Cowardin classes.**	**Figure ___** 2
H 1.5 Special Habitat Features *(see p. 77)*: *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in. diameter and 6 ft. long) ✓ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft. (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft. (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft. (10m) ___ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ___ At least 1/4 acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	2
H 1 TOTAL Score – potential for providing habitat *Add the points in the column above*	9

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H 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?**	(only 1 score per box)
	H 2.1 Buffers *(see P. 80)*: *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed".* ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer (relatively undisturbed also means no grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use).. .....**points = 5** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference.....**points = 4** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% circumference.....**points = 4** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference.....**points = 3** __✓__ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference .....**points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above:** ____ No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25m (80 ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK.....**points = 2** ____ No paved areas of buildings within 50m of wetland for > 50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK.....**points = 2** ____ Heavy grazing in buffer.....**points = 1** ____ Vegetated buffers are < 2m wide (6.6 ft) for more than 95% circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland).....**points = 0** ____ Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above .....**points = 1** **Arial photo showing buffers**	**Figure ___** 3
	H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft. wide, has at least a 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(Dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor).* **YES = 4 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.2 H. 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50 ft. wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? **YES = 2 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.3 H. 2.2.3 Is the wetland: • Within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR • Within 3 miles of a large field or pasture (> 40 acres) OR **YES** = 1 point • Within 1 mile of a lake greater than 20 acres? **NO** = 0 points	1

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	H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see p. 82): Which of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft. (100m) of the wetland? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed. These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ✓ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres) ____ **Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53cm (21 in) 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. ____ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where greases and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 – 2.0m (0.5 – 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages. ____ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has 3 or more priority habitats .= 4 points If wetland has 1 priority habit ...= 1 point If wetland has 2 priority habitats .....= 3 points No habitats.....= 0 points Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. (Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4).	3
	H 2.4 Wetland Landscape: *Choose the **one** description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits (see p. 84)* • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development.....points = 5 • The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile .....points = 5 • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed.....points = 3 • The wetland fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile.....points = 3 • There is at least 1 wetland within 1/2 mile.....points = 2 • There are no wetlands within 1/2 mile .....points = 0	3
	H 2 TOTAL Score – opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	10
	TOTAL for H 1 from page 8	9
◆	**Total Score for Habitat Functions** Add the points for H 1 and H 2; then ***record the result on p. 1***	19

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

	Wetland Type - *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	
SC1	**Estuarine wetlands?** *(see p.86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ____ The dominant water regime is tidal, ____ Vegetated, and ____ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. **YES** = Go to SC 1.1 **NO** _____	
	SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? **YES** = Category I **NO** = go to SC 1.2	**Cat. 1**
	SC 1.2 Is the wetland at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following conditions? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp,. are only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category 1. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland ____ The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual Rating I/II**
SC2	**Natural Heritage Wetlands** *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a natural heritage wetland? *(This question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR.)* S/T/R information from Appendix D _____ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site _____ **YES** _____ Contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 **NO** _____ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? **YES** = Category 1 **NO** _____ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat I**
SC3	**Bogs** *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = go to question 2 2. Does the wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? **YES** = Is a bog for purpose of rating **NO** = go to question 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. 4. Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine. WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)*? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

Wetland name or number _____

SC4	**Forested Wetlands** *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.* ____ **Old-growth forests**: (west of Cascade Crest) Stands of at least two three species forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm or more). NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. ____ **Mature forests**: (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have an average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53 cm); 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. **YES** = Category I **NO** = _____ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC5	**Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons** *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? ____ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks. ____ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom.)* **YES** = Go to SC 5.1 **NO** _____ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing) and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ____ The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square ft.) **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC6	**Interdunal Wetlands** *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? **YES** = Go to SC 6.1 **NO** _____ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula -- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport -- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is one acre or larger? **YES** = Category II **NO** = go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the wetland between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? **YES** = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
◆	**Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics** *Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered **NO** for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	

Comments:

Wetland name or number LWS-5 W-1 Arboretum Creek / Willow Bay

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 - Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): LWS-5 Date of site visit: 1-30-08

Rated by Jeff Meyer / Matt Hepburn Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No___ Date of training_____

SEC: 21 TWNSHP: 25N RNGE: 04E Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes___ No ✓

Map of wetland unit: Figure ____ Estimated size 2.1
(=old LWS-3 part)

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland

I___ II___ III___ IV___

Category I = Score >=70
Category II = Score 51-69
Category III = Score 30-50
Category IV = Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	20
Score for Hydrologic Functions	12
Score for Habitat Functions	25
TOTAL score for Functions	57

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

I___ II___ Does not Apply___

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above) **II**

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics		Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Estuarine		**Depressional**	
Natural Heritage Wetland		**Riverine**	
Bog		**Lake-fringe**	✓
Mature Forest		**Slope**	
Old Growth Forest		**Flats**	
Coastal Lagoon		**Freshwater Tidal**	
Interdunal			
None of the above		Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	

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Does the wetland unit being rated meet any of the criteria below?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands That May Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal or plant*** *species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		✓
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal*** *species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category I Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).	bald eagle nest ✓	
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?* GBH foraging	GBH ✓	
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands into those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

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Classification of Wetland Units in Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?

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

If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)? **YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

*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 rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were called estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision.[4] To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p.).

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 both** of the following criteria?

___The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) at least 20 acres (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**?

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 <3ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*

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

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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 two years.

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

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

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 clases. 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

If you are unable still 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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L	**Lake fringe Wetlands** — WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS — Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality	**Points** (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.59)*
L	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore *(use polygons of Cowardin classes)*: Vegetation is more than 33ft (10m) wide — points = 6 Vegetation is more than 16 (5m) wide and <33ft — points = 3 Vegetation is more than 6ft (2m) wide and <16 ft — points = 1 Vegetation is less than 6 ft wide — points = 0 Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked	Figure ____ 6
L	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* Cover of herbaceous plants is >90% of the vegetated area — points = 6 Cover of herbaceous plants is >2/3 of the vegetated area — points = 4 Cover of herbaceous plants is >1/3 of the vegetated area — points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 unit — points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area — points = 1 Aquatic bed vegetation and open water cover > 2/3 of the unit — points = 0 Map with polygons of different vegetation types	Figure ____ 4
L	*Add the points in the boxes above*	10
L	**L 2. Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* — Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards — Grazing in the wetland or within 150ft — Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge — Tilled fields or orchards within 150 feet of wetland — Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft of wetland ✓ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ✓ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake — Other ____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2 *Add score to table on p. 1*	20

Comments

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	Lake-fringe Wetlands HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to reduce shoreline erosion	Points (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 3. Does the wetland unit have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
L	L 3 Distance along shore and average width of Cowardin classes along the lakeshore (**do not** include aquatic bed): *(choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 6 > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2 m) wide — points = 4 > ¼ distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 4 Vegetation is at least 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 2 Vegetation is less than 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 0 Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure 6
L	*Record the points from the box above*	6
L	**L 4. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* — There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. roads — There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests other wetlands) than can be damaged by shoreline erosion X Other trail, stormwater pipes **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is **1**	*(see p.63)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L 3 by L 4 ***Add score to table on p. 1***	12

Comments

Wetland name or number LWS-5

These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that unit functions to provide important habitat	Points (only 1 score per question)
H 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see p. 72)* *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin)- Size threshold for each class is ¼ acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ✓ Aquatic bed ✓ Emergent plants ✓ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have >30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have >30% cover) *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 *Add the number of vegetation structures that qualify. If you have:* 4 structures or more — points = 4 3 structures — points = 2 2 structures — points = 1 1 structure — points = 0 Map of Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure 4
H 1.2. Hydroperiods *(see p. 73)* *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 acre 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 — point = 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 X ***Lake-fringe wetland* = 2 points** ___ ***Freshwater tidal wetland* = 2 points** Map of hydroperiods	Figure 2
H 1.3. Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)* Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2. (*different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 *List species below if you want to:*	2

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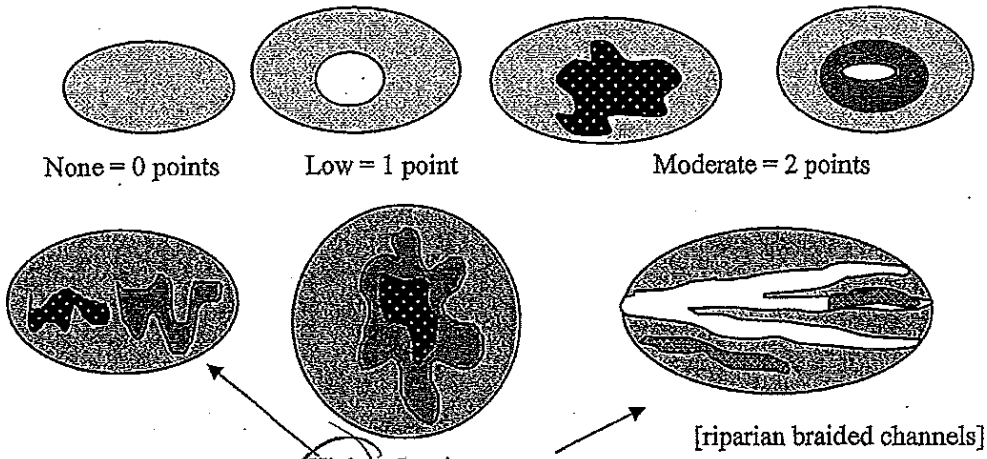
	Figure
H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats *(see p. 76)* Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  None = 0 points Low = 1 point Moderate = 2 points [riparian braided channels] High = 3 points NOTE: If you have four or more classes or three vegetation classes and open water the rating is always "high". Use map of Cowardin vegetation classes	3
H 1.5. Special Habitat Features: *(see p. 77)* *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in. diameter and 6 ft long). ✓ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft (10m) ✓ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ___ At least ¼ acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated. *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	3
H 1. TOTAL Score - potential for providing habitat *Add the scores from H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H1.5*	14

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H 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	
H 2.1 Buffers *(see p. 80)* *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed."* — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer. (relatively undisturbed also means no-grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use) **Points = 5** — 100 m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference. **Points = 4** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% circumference. **Points = 4** ✓ 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference, . **Points = 3** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference. **Points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above** — No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25 m (80ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — No paved areas or buildings within 50m of wetland for >50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — Heavy grazing in buffer. **Points = 1** — Vegetated buffers are <2m wide (6.6ft) for more than 95% of the circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland **Points = 0.** — Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above. **Points = 1** Aerial photo showing buffers	Figure 3
H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? (*dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor*). YES = **4 points** (*go to H 2.3*) NO = go to H 2.2.2 H 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR** a **Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? YES = **2 points** (*go to H 2.3*) NO = H 2.2.3 H 2.2.3 Is the wetland: within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR within 3 mi of a large field or pasture (>40 acres) OR within 1 mi of a lake greater than 20 acres? YES = **1 point** NO = **0 points**	2

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H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW *(see p. 82)* Which of the following priority habitats are within 330ft (100m) of the wetland unit? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed.* *These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ✓ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres). ____ **Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6 m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81 cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53 cm (21 in) dbh; crown cover may be less that 100%; crown cover may be less that 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. ____ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where grasses and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 - 2.0 m (0.5 - 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages ____ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands Stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has **3 or more** priority habitats = **4 points** If wetland has 2 priority habitats = **3 points** If wetland has 1 priority habitat = **1 point** No habitats = 0 points *Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4)*	3

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H 2.4 Wetland Landscape *(choose the **one** description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits)* ***(see p. 84)*** There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development. points = 5 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within ½ mile points = 5 There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed points = 3 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetland within ½ mile points = 3 There is at least 1 wetland within ½ mile. points = 2 There are no wetlands within ½ mile. points = 0	3
H 2. TOTAL Score - opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1,H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	11
TOTAL for H 1 from page 14	14
Total Score for Habitat Functions – add the points for H 1, H 2 and record the result on p. 1	25

Wetland name or number LWS-5

CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

Wetland Type *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met*	**Category**
SC 1.0 Estuarine wetlands *(see p. 86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? — The dominant water regime is tidal, — Vegetated, and — With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. YES = Go to SC 1.1 NO ___	
SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? YES = Category I NO go to SC 1.2	**Cat. I**
SC 1.2 Is the wetland unit at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? YES = Category I NO = Category II — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp. are the only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category I. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual rating I/II**

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SC 2.0 Natural Heritage Wetlands *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland unit being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? *(this question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR)* S/T/R information from Appendix D ___ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site ___ YES____ – contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 NO ___ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? YES = Category I NO ____not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat. I**
SC 3.0 Bogs *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland unit (**or any part of the unit**) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? *Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog.* ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of the soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? Yes - go to Q. 3 No - go to Q. 2 2. Does the unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? Yes - go to Q. 3 No - Is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? Yes – Is a bog for purpose of rating No - go to Q. 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. *1.* Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine, WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)?* 2. YES = Category I No___ Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

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SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland unit have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.* — **Old-growth forests**: (west of Cascade crest) Stands of at least two tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm) or more. NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. — **Mature forests**: (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53cm); crown cover may be less that 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth. YES = Category I NO ___not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? — The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks — The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom)* YES = Go to SC 5.1 NO___ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meets all of the following three conditions? — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square feet) YES = Category I NO = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**

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SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland unit west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? YES - go to SC 6.1 NO __ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis- lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is once acre or larger? YES = Category II NO – go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? YES = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics *If you answered NO for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p.1*	

Wetland name or number PBS-1 site n-2 mountlake Playfield

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 - Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): PBS-1 Date of site visit: 1-31-08

Rated by Jeff Meyer Trained by Ecology? Yes X No___ Date of training_____

SEC: 20/21 TWNSHP: 25N RNGE: 04E Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes___ No X

Map of wetland unit: Figure ____ Estimated size _____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland

I___ II___ III X IV___

Category I = Score >=70
Category II = Score 51-69
Category III = Score 30-50
Category IV = Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	18
Score for Hydrologic Functions	8
Score for Habitat Functions	23
TOTAL score for Functions	49

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

I___ II___ **Does not Apply**___

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above) III

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics		Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Estuarine		Depressional	
Natural Heritage Wetland		Riverine	
Bog		Lake-fringe	X
Mature Forest		Slope	X
Old Growth Forest		Flats	
Coastal Lagoon		Freshwater Tidal	
Interdunal			
None of the above		Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	X

Wetland name or number PB5-1

Does the wetland unit being rated meet any of the criteria below?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands That May Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal or plant*** *species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		✓
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal*** *species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category I Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		✓
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		✓
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands into those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

Wetland name or number PBS-1

Classification of Wetland Units in Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 YES – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**

   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)? **YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

   *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 rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were called estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p.).

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 both** of the following criteria?
   ___The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) at least 20 acres (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?**
   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 <3ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO - go to 5 YES – The wetland class is **Slope**

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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 two years.

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

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

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 clases. 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

If you are unable still 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 PBS1

	I. Lake fringe Wetlands WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality	Points (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.59)*
L	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore *(use polygons of Cowardin classes)*: Vegetation is more than 33ft (10m) wide points = 6 Vegetation is more than 16 (5m) wide and <33ft points = 3 Vegetation is more than 6ft (2m) wide and <16 ft points = 1 Vegetation is less than 6 ft wide points = 0 Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked	Figure 6
L	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* Cover of herbaceous plants is >90% of the vegetated area points = 6 Cover of herbaceous plants is >2/3 of the vegetated area points = 4 Cover of herbaceous plants is >1/3 of the vegetated area points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 unit points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area points = 1 Aquatic bed vegetation and open water cover > 2/3 of the unit points = 0 Map with polygons of different vegetation types	Figure 3
L	*Add the points in the boxes above*	9
L	**L 2. Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* — Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards — Grazing in the wetland or within 150ft — Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge — Tilled fields or orchards within 150 feet of wetland — Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft of wetland X Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) X Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake — Other_____ YES multiplier is 2 NO multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2 *Add score to table on p. 1*	18

Comments

Wetland name or number PBS-1

L	**Lake-fringe Wetlands** — **HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS** – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to reduce shoreline erosion	**Points** (only the score in the box)
L	**L 3. Does the wetland unit have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
L	L 3 Distance along shore and average width of Cowardin classes along the lakeshore (**do not** include aquatic bed): *(choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 6 > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2 m) wide — points = 4 > ¼ distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 4 Vegetation is at least 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 2 Vegetation is less than 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 0 Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure ___ 4
L	*Record the points from the box above*	4
L	**L 4. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* — There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. park + parking lot — There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests other wetlands) than can be damaged by shoreline erosion — Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.63)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L 3 by L 4 ***Add score to table on p. 1***	8

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These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that unit functions to provide important habitat	Points (circle one) See below
H 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see p. 72)* *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin)- Size threshold for each class is ¼ acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* X Aquatic bed X Emergent plants X Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have >30% cover) X Forested (areas where trees have >30% cover) *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 *Add the number of vegetation structures that qualify. If you have:* 4 structures or more — points = 4 3 structures — points = 2 2 structures — points = 1 1 structure — points = 0 Map of Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure 4
H 1.2. Hydroperiods *(see p. 73)* *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 acre to count. (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods)* X Permanently flooded or inundated — 4 or more types present — points = 3 X Seasonally flooded or inundated — 3 types present — points = 2 ___ Occasionally flooded or inundated — 2 types present — point = 1 X Saturated only — 1 type present — points = 0 ___ Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland ___ Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland X *Lake-fringe wetland* = 2 points ___ *Freshwater tidal wetland* = 2 points Map of hydroperiods	Figure 2
H 1.3. Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)* Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2. (*different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 *List species below if you want to:*	2

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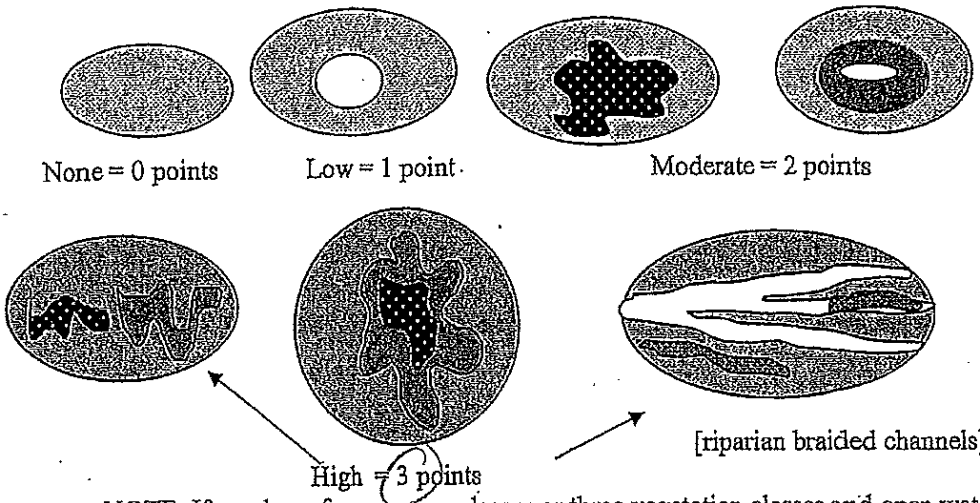
	Figure
H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats *(see p. 76)* Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  None = 0 points Low = 1 point Moderate = 2 points High = 3 points [riparian braided channels] NOTE: If you have four or more classes or three vegetation classes and open water the rating is always "high". Use map of Cowardin vegetation classes	3
H 1.5. Special Habitat Features: *(see p. 77)* *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* X Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in. diameter and 6 ft long). X Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft (10m) X Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ___ At least ¼ acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated.*(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	3
H 1. TOTAL Score - potential for providing habitat *Add the scores from H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H1.5*	14

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H 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	
H 2.1 Buffers *(see p. 80)* *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed."* — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer. (relatively undisturbed also means no-grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use) **Points = 5** — 100 m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference. **Points = 4** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% circumference. **Points = 4** — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference, . **Points = 3** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference. **Points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above** — No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25 m (80ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — No paved areas or buildings within 50m of wetland for >50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — Heavy grazing in buffer. **Points = 1** — Vegetated buffers are <2m wide (6.6ft) for more than 95% of the circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland **Points = 0.** — Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above. **Points = 1** Aerial photo showing buffers	Figure 3
H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor)* YES = **4 points** *(go to H 2.3)* NO = go to H 2.2.2 H 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR** a **Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? YES = **2 points** *(go to H 2.3)* NO = H 2.2.3 H 2.2.3 Is the wetland: within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR within 3 mi of a large field or pasture (>40 acres) OR within 1 mi of a lake greater than 20 acres? YES = **1 point** NO = **0 points**	2

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H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW *(see p. 82)* Which of the following priority habitats are within 330ft (100m) of the wetland unit? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed.* *These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ____**Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____**Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres). ____**Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6 m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____**Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81 cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____**Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53 cm (21 in) dbh; crown cover may be less that 100%; crown cover may be less that 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. ____**Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where grasses and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____**Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 - 2.0 m (0.5 - 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____**Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages ____**Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands Stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. X **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____**Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____**Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has 3 **or more** priority habitats = 4 **points** If wetland has 2 priority habitats = 3 **points** If wetland has 1 priority habitat = 1 **point** No habitats = 0 points *Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4)*	1

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H 2.4 Wetland Landscape *(choose the one description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits) (see p. 84)* There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development. points = 5 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within ½ mile points = 5 There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed points = 3 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetland within ½ mile points = 3 There is at least 1 wetland within ½ mile. points = 2 There are no wetlands within ½ mile. points = 0	3
H 2. TOTAL Score - opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1,H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	9
TOTAL for H 1 from page 14	14
Total Score for Habitat Functions – add the points for H 1, H 2 and record the result on p. 1	23

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

Wetland Type *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	**Category**
SC 1.0 Estuarine wetlands *(see p. 86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? — The dominant water regime is tidal, — Vegetated, and — With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. YES = Go to SC 1.1 NO ✓	
SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? YES = Category I NO go to SC 1.2	**Cat. I**
SC 1.2 Is the wetland unit at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? YES = Category I NO = Category II — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp. are the only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category I. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual rating I/II**

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SC 2.0 Natural Heritage Wetlands *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland unit being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? *(this question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR)* S/T/R information from Appendix D ___ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site ___ YES____ – contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 NO ✓ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? YES = Category I NO ____not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat. I**
SC 3.0 Bogs *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland unit **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? *Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog.* ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of the soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? Yes - go to Q. 3 (No) - go to Q. 2 2. Does the unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? Yes - go to Q. 3 (No) - Is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? Yes – Is a bog for purpose of rating No - go to Q. 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. *1.* Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine, WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)?* 2. YES = Category I No___ Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

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SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland unit have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.* — **Old-growth forests**: (west of Cascade crest) Stands of at least two tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm) or more. NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. — **Mature forests**: (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53cm); crown cover may be less that 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth. YES = Category I NO ✓ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? — The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks — The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom)* YES = Go to SC 5.1 NO ✓ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meets all of the following three conditions? — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square feet) YES = Category I NO = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**

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SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland unit west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? YES - go to SC 6.1 NO ✓ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis- lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is once acre or larger? YES = Category II NO – go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? YES = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics *Choose the highest rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered NO for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	N/A

Wetland name or number W4

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): W-4 / Seward Park Date of site visit: July 1, 2009

Rated by: Pat Tagne 6 Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No____ Date of training: 5/05

SEC:_____ TWNSHP:_____ RNGE:_____ Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes_____ No ____

Map of wetland unit: Figure_____ Estimated size_____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland: I_____ II_____ III_____ IV_____

Category I =	Score > 70
Category II =	Score 51 - 69
Category III =	Score 30 – 50
Category IV =	Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	24
Score for Hydrologic Functions	0
Score for Habitat Functions	14
TOTAL Score for Functions	38

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTCS of Wetland I_____ II_____ Does not apply_____

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above) III

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit.

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics	
Estuarine	
Natural Heritage Wetland	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	✓

Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Depressional	
Riverine	
Lake-fringe	✓
Slope	
Flats	
Freshwater Tidal	
Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	

Does the wetland being rated meet any of the criteria below? If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands that Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered **animal or plant** species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered **animal** species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category 1 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands in to those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

Wetland name or number uu

Classification of Vegetated Wetlands for Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**
   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?
   YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is a Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were call estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p. _____).

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is 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 meet both of the following criteria?
   _____The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) where at least 20 acres (8ha) in size;
   _____At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 (2 m)?
   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)**

4. Does the entire wetland 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**?
   NOTE: *Surface water does not pond in these types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

5. Does the entire wetland 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 two years.
   NOTE: *The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding..*
   NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time of 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 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

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

Wetland name or number W4

D Depressional and Flat Wetlands		Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
D 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.38)*
	D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 3 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted, permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (*permanently flowing*).....points = 1 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* **Provide photo or drawing**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (*use NRCS definitions*) **YES** points = 4 **NO** points = 0	
	D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class): • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 95% of area .....points = 5 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area .....points = 1 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation < 1/10 of area .....points = 0 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area of the wetland that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 years.* • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/2 total area of wetland.....points = 4 • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 2 • Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 0 **Map of Hydroperiods**	**Figure ___**
	Total for D 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 44)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from D1 by D2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation.	
D 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.46)*
	D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 4 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key) or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet *(permanently flowing)*.....points = 0	
	D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods. *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).* • Marks of ponding are 3 ft. or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet.....points = 7 • The wetland is a "headwater" wetland.....points = 5 • Marks of ponding between 2 ft. to < 3 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 5 • Marks are at least 0.5 ft. to < 2 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 3 • Wetland is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key)but has small depressions on the surface that trap water .points = 1 • Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft.....points = 0	
	D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* • The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit.....points = 5 • The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit.....points = 3 • The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit .....points = 0 • Entire unit is in the FLATS class.....points = 5	
	Total for D 3 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from	*(see p. 49)* Multiplier _____

	groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. *Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply.* ____ Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems. ____ Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from D3 by D4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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R	Riverine and Freshwater Tidal Fringe Wetlands	Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
R 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.52)*	
	R 1.1 Area of surface depressions within the riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event: • Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland.....points = 8 • Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland.....points = 4 **(If depressions > 1/2 of area of unit draw polygons on aerial photo or map)** • Depressions present but cover < 1/2 area of wetland.....points = 2 • No depressions present.....points = 0	**Figure** ___
	R 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the unit (areas with >90% cover at person height): • Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the unit.....points = 8 • Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland.....points = 6 • Ungrazed, herbaceous plants > 2/3 area of unit.....points = 6 • Ungrazed herbaceous plants > 1/3 area of unit.....points = 3 • Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of unit.....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___
	Add the points in the boxes above	
R 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ The river or stream linked to the wetland has a contributing basin where human activities have raised levels of sediment, toxic compounds or nutrients in the river water above standards for water quality. ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 53)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from R1 by R2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
R 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.54)*
	R 3.1 Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of unit) / (average width of stream between banks).* • If the ratio is more than 20.....points = 9 • If the ratio is between 10 – 20.....points = 6 • If the ratio is 5- <10.....points = 4 • If the ratio is 1- <5.....points = 2 • If the ratio is < 1.....points = 1 **Aerial photo or map showing average widths**	**Figure** ___
	R 3.2 Characteristics of vegetation that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as "forest or shrub". Choose the points appropriate for the best description. (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height NOT Cowardin classes):* • Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR herbaceous plants > 2/3 area.....points = 7 • Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR herbaceous plants > 1/3 area.....points = 4 • Vegetation does not meet above criteria.....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___
	Add the points in the boxes above	
R 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the wetland is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ There are human structures and activities downstream (roads, buildings, bridges, farms) that can be damaged by flooding. ____ There are natural resources downstream (e.g. salmon redds) that can be damaged by flooding ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water to the wetland is controlled by a reservoir or the wetland is tidal fringe along the sides of a dike)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.57)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from R3 by R4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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L. Lake-fringe Wetlands		Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
L 1	**Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.59)*	
	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore (use polygons of Cowardin classes): • Vegetation is more than 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • Vegetation is more than 16 ft.(5m) wide and < 33 ft ..... points = 3 • Vegetation is more than 6 ft. (2m) wide and < 16 ft ..... points = 1 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. wide ..... points = 0 **Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked**	**Figure ___** 6
	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *Choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 90% of the vegetated area ..... points = 6 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 2/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 4 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 1/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area ..... points = 1 • Aquatic bed cover and open water > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 0 **Map with polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure ___** 6
	Add the points in the boxes above	12
L 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?**	*(see p.61)*
	Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ___ Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards ___ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ___ Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge ___ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ___ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft. of wetland ✓ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ___ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	24
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce shoreline erosion.	
L 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
	L 3 Average width and characteristics of vegetation along the lakeshore *(do not include aquatic bed): (choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2m) wide. ..... points = 4 • 1/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 4 • Vegetation is at least 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 2 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___** 0
	Record the points in the boxes above	0
L 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce erosion?**	*(see p. 64)*
	Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ✓ There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. ___ There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests, other wetlands) that can be damaged by shoreline erosion. ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L3 by L4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	0

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S – Slope Wetlands		Points
WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.		(only 1 score per box)
S 1	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to improve water quality?**	*(see p.64)*
	S 1.1 Characteristics of average slope of unit: • Slope is 1% or less *(a 1% slope has a 1 ft. vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft. horizontal distance)* .....points = 3 • Slope is 1% - 2% .....points = 2 • Slope is 2% - 5% .....points = 1 • Slope is greater than 5% .....points = 0	
	S 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay, organic *(Use NRCS definitions).* **YES** = 3 points **NO** = 0 points	
	S 1.3 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: *Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the vegetation in the wetland. Dense vegetation means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 inches.* • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 90% of the wetland area .....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Dense, woody, vegetation > 1/2 of area. .....points = 2 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/4 of area .....points = 1 • Does not meet any of the criteria above for vegetation .....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with vegetation polygons**	**Figure ___**
	Total for S 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
S 2	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields, logging, or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential, urban areas, or golf courses are within 150 ft. upslope of wetland ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 67)* Multiplier _____
◆	**<u>TOTAL</u> – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from S1 by S2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.		
S 3	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to reduce flooding and stream erosion?**	*(see p.68)*
	S 3.1 Characteristics of vegetation 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 > 1/8in), or dense enough to remain erect during surface flows).* • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation covers > 90% of the area of the wetland.....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation> 1/2 area of wetland .....points = 3 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation > 1/4 area. .....points = 1 • More than 1/4 of area is grazed, mowed, tilled, or vegetation is not rigid.....points = 0	
	S 3.2 Characteristics of slope wetland that holds back small amounts of flood flows. The slope has small surface depressions that can retain water over at least 10% of its area. **YES** = 2 points **NO** = 0 points	
	Add the points in the boxes above	
S 4	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?** Is the wetland in a landscape position where the reduction in water velocity it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ Wetland has surface runoff that drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water is controlled by a reservoir (e.g. wetland is a seep that is on the downstream side of a dam)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 70)* Multiplier _____
◆	**<u>TOTAL</u> – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from S3 by S4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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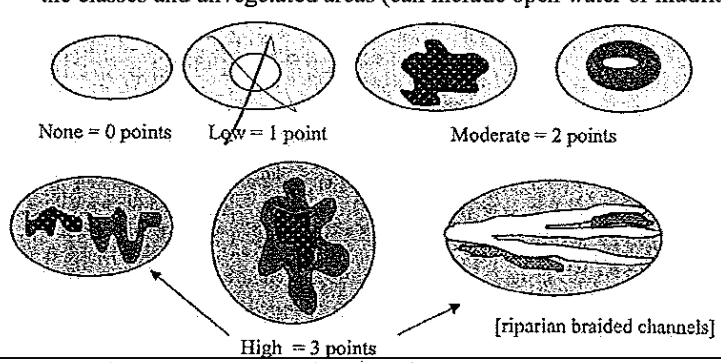
These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat.	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see P. 72)*: *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) – Size threshold for each class is 1/4 acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ✓ Aquatic Bed ✓ Emergent plants ___ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) ___ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) *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. *Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:* 4 structures or more .....points = 4 2 structures .....points = 1 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes** 3 structures .....points = 2 1 structure.....points = 0	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.2 Hydroperiods *(see p.73)*: *Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 acre to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).* ✓ Permanently flooded or inundated ___ Seasonally flooded or inundated ___ Occasionally flooded or inundated ✓ Saturated only ___ 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** 4 or more types present points = 3 3 or more types present ..... points = 2 2 types present ..... points = 1 1 type present..... points = 0 **Map of hydroperiods**	**Figure ___** 3
H 1.3 Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)*: Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2 *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 List species below if you want to:	1
H 1.4 Interspersion of Habitats *(see p. 76)*: Decided from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation (described in H1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  Note: If you have 4 or more classes or 3 vegetation classes and open water, the rating is always "high". **Use map of Cowardin classes.**	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.5 Special Habitat Features *(see p. 77)*: *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ___ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in. diameter and 6 ft. long) ___ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft. (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft. (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft. (10m) ___ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ✓ At least 1/4 acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	1
H 1 TOTAL Score – potential for providing habitat *Add the points in the column above*	7

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H 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?**	(only 1 score per box)
	H 2.1 Buffers *(see P. 80)*: *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed".* ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer (relatively undisturbed also means no grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use).. ..... **points = 5** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference ..... **points = 3** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference ..... **points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above:** __✓__ No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25m (80 ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK..... **points = 2** ____ No paved areas of buildings within 50m of wetland for > 50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK ..... **points = 2** ____ Heavy grazing in buffer..... **points = 1** ____ Vegetated buffers are < 2m wide (6.6 ft) for more than 95% circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland) ..... **points = 0** ____ Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above..... **points = 1** **Arial photo showing buffers**	**Figure ___** 2
	H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft. wide, has at least a 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(Dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor).* **YES = 4 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.2 H. 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50 ft. wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? **YES = 2 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.3 H. 2.2.3 Is the wetland: • Within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR • Within 3 miles of a large field or pasture (> 40 acres) OR **YES** = 1 point • Within 1 mile of a lake greater than 20 acres? **NO** = 0 points	1

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	H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see p. 82): Which of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft. (100m) of the wetland? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed. These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ____ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres) ____ **Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ✓ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53cm (21 in) 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. ____ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where greases and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 – 2.0m (0.5 – 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages. ____ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ____ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has 3 or more priority habitats .= 4 points If wetland has 1 priority habit...= 1 point If wetland has 2 priority habitats .....= 3 points No habitats .....= 0 points Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. (Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4).	1
	H 2.4 Wetland Landscape: *Choose the **one** description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits (see p. 84)* • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development ..... points = 5 • The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 5 • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed ..... points = 3 • The wetland fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 3 • There is at least 1 wetland within 1/2 mile ..... points = 2 • There are no wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 0	3
	H 2 TOTAL Score – opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	7
	TOTAL for H 1 from page 8	7
◆	**Total Score for Habitat Functions** Add the points for H 1 and H 2; then ***record the result on p. 1***	14

Comments:

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

	Wetland Type – *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	
SC1	**Estuarine wetlands?** *(see p.86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ____ The dominant water regime is tidal, ____ Vegetated, and ____ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. **YES** = Go to SC 1.1 **NO** _____	
	SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? **YES** = Category I **NO** = go to SC 1.2	**Cat. 1**
	SC 1.2 Is the wetland at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following conditions? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp,. are only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category 1. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland ____ The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual Rating I/II**
SC2	**Natural Heritage Wetlands** *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a natural heritage wetland? *(This question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR.)* S/T/R information from Appendix D _____ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site _____ **YES** _____ Contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 **NO** _____ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? **YES** = Category 1 **NO** _____ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat I**
SC3	**Bogs** *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = go to question 2 2. Does the wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? **YES** = Is a bog for purpose of rating **NO** = go to question 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. 4. Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine. WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)*? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

Wetland name or number _____

SC4	**Forested Wetlands** *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.* ____ **Old-growth forests:** (west of Cascade Crest) Stands of at least two three species forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm or more). NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. ____ **Mature forests:** (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have an average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53 cm); 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. **YES** = Category I **NO** = _____ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC5	**Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons** *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? ____ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks. ____ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom.)* **YES** = Go to SC 5.1 **NO** _____ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing) and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ____ The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square ft.) **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC6	**Interdunal Wetlands** *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? **YES** = Go to SC 6.1 **NO** _____ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula -- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport -- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is one acre or larger? **YES** = Category II **NO** = go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the wetland between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? **YES** = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
◆	**Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics** *Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered **NO** for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	

Comments:

Wetland name or number LWS-4 Site W-6, WSDOT Peninsula

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 - Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): LWS-4 Date of site visit: 1-24-08

Rated by Jeff Meyer Trained by Ecology? Yes X No___ Date of training_____

SEC: 21 TWNSHP: 25N RNGE: 04E Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes___ No X

Map of wetland unit: Figure ____ Estimated size ~3.7

N & S split @ 520 bridge

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland

I___ II X III___ IV___

Category I = Score >=70
Category II = Score 51-69
Category III = Score 30-50
Category IV = Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	16
Score for Hydrologic Functions	12
Score for Habitat Functions	26
TOTAL score for Functions	56

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

I___ II___ **Does not Apply** X

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above) II

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics		Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Estuarine		Depressional	
Natural Heritage Wetland		Riverine	
Bog		Lake-fringe	✓
Mature Forest		Slope	
Old Growth Forest		Flats	
Coastal Lagoon		Freshwater Tidal	
Interdunal			
None of the above		Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	

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Does the wetland unit being rated meet any of the criteria below?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands That May Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal or plant*** *species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		✓
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal*** *species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category I Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		✓
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*	GBH	
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

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To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands into those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

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Classification of Wetland Units in Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?

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

If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)? **YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe** **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

*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 rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were called estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p.).

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 both** of the following criteria?

___The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) at least 20 acres (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**?

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 <3ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*

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

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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 two years.

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

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

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 clases. 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

If you are unable still 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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	L Lake-fringe Wetlands WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality	Points (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.59)*
L	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore *(use polygons of Cowardin classes)*: Vegetation is more than 33ft (10m) wide — points = 6 Vegetation is more than 16 (5m) wide and <33ft — points = 3 Vegetation is more than 6ft (2m) wide and <16 ft — points = 1 Vegetation is less than 6 ft wide — points = 0 Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked	Figure ___ 6
L	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* Cover of herbaceous plants is >90% of the vegetated area — points = 6 Cover of herbaceous plants is >2/3 of the vegetated area — points = 4 Cover of herbaceous plants is >1/3 of the vegetated area — points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 unit — points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area — points = 1 Aquatic bed vegetation and open water cover > 2/3 of the unit — points = 0 Map with polygons of different vegetation types	Figure ___ 3
L	*Add the points in the boxes above*	9
L	**L 2. Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* — Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards — Grazing in the wetland or within 150ft — Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge — Tilled fields or orchards within 150 feet of wetland ✓ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft of wetland ✓ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ✓ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake — Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2 *Add score to table on p. 1*	18

Comments

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	Lake-fringe Wetlands HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to reduce shoreline erosion	Points (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 3. Does the wetland unit have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
L	L 3 Distance along shore and average width of Cowardin classes along the lakeshore (**do not** include aquatic bed): *(choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 6 > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2 m) wide — points = 4 > ¼ distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 4 Vegetation is at least 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 2 Vegetation is less than 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 0 Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure ___ 6
L	*Record the points from the box above*	6
L	**L 4. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* X There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. road — There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests other wetlands) than can be damaged by shoreline erosion — Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.63)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L 3 by L 4 ***Add score to table on p. 1***	12

Comments

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These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that unit functions to provide important habitat	Points (circle one)
H 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see p. 72)* *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin)- Size threshold for each class is ¼ acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ✓ Aquatic bed ✓ Emergent plants ✓ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have >30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have >30% cover) *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 *Add the number of vegetation structures that qualify. If you have:* 4 structures or more — points = (4) 3 structures — points = 2 2 structures — points = 1 1 structure — points = 0 Map of Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure ___ 4
H 1.2. Hydroperiods *(see p. 73)* *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 acre 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 — point = 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** Map of hydroperiods	Figure ___ 2
H 1.3. Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)* Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2. (*different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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) *List species below if you want to:* 5 - 19 species — points = 1 < 5 species — points = 0	2

Total for page 8

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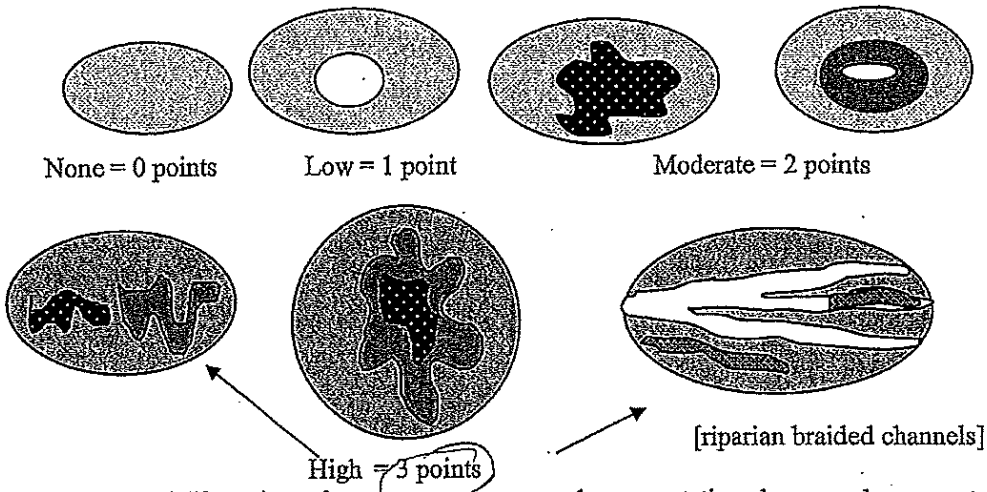
	Figure
H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats *(see p. 76)* Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  None = 0 points Low = 1 point Moderate = 2 points High = 3 points [riparian braided channels] NOTE: If you have four or more classes or three vegetation classes and open water the rating is always "high". Use map of Cowardin vegetation classes	3
H 1.5. Special Habitat Features: *(see p. 77)* *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in. diameter and 6 ft long). ✓ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ✓ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft (10m) ✓ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ___ At least ¼ acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated. *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	4
H 1. TOTAL Score - potential for providing habitat *Add the scores from H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H1.5*	15

Comments

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H 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	
H 2.1 Buffers *(see p. 80)* *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed."* — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer. (relatively undisturbed also means no-grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use) **Points = 5** — 100 m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference. **Points = 4** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% circumference. **Points = 4** — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference, . **Points = 3** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference. **Points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above** — No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25 m (80ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — No paved areas or buildings within 50m of wetland for >50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — Heavy grazing in buffer. **Points = 1** — Vegetated buffers are <2m wide (6.6ft) for more than 95% of the circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland **Points = 0.** — Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above. **Points = 1** Aerial photo showing buffers	Figure 3
H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? (*dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor*). YES = **4 points** (*go to H 2.3*) NO = go to H 2.2.2 H 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? YES = **2 points** (*go to H 2.3*) NO = H 2.2.3 H 2.2.3 Is the wetland: within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR within 3 mi of a large field or pasture (>40 acres) OR within 1 mi of a lake greater than 20 acres? YES = **1 point** NO = **0 points**	2

Total for page 5

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H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW *(see p. 82)* Which of the following priority habitats are within 330ft (100m) of the wetland unit? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed.* *These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ____**Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____**Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres). ____**Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6 m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____**Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81 cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____**Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53 cm (21 in) dbh; crown cover may be less that 100%; crown cover may be less that 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. ____**Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where grasses and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____**Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 - 2.0 m (0.5 - 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____**Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages ____**Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands Stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓**Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____**Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____**Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has **3 or more** priority habitats = **4 points** If wetland has **2** priority habitats = **3 points** If wetland has **1** priority habitat = **1 point** No habitats = 0 points *Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4)*	1

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H 2.4 Wetland Landscape *(choose the one description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits) (see p. 84)* There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development. points = 5 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within ½ mile points = 5 There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed points = 3 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetland within ½ mile points = 3 There is at least 1 wetland within ½ mile. points = 2 There are no wetlands within ½ mile. points = 0	5
H 2. TOTAL Score - opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1,H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	11
TOTAL for H 1 from page 14	15
Total Score for Habitat Functions – add the points for H 1, H 2 and record the result on p. 1	26

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

Wetland Type *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	Category
SC 1.0 Estuarine wetlands *(see p. 86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? — The dominant water regime is tidal, — Vegetated, and — With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. YES = Go to SC 1.1 NO ___	
SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? YES = Category I NO go to SC 1.2	**Cat. I**
SC 1.2 Is the wetland unit at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? YES = Category I NO = Category II — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp. are the only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category I. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual rating I/II**

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SC 2.0 Natural Heritage Wetlands *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland unit being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? *(this question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR)* S/T/R information from Appendix D ___ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site ___ YES____ – contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 NO ___ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? YES = Category I NO ____not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat. I**
SC 3.0 Bogs *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland unit (**or any part of the unit**) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? *Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog.* ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of the soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? Yes - go to Q. 3 No - go to Q. 2 2. Does the unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? Yes - go to Q. 3 No - Is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? Yes – Is a bog for purpose of rating No - go to Q. 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. *1.* Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine, WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)?* ~~2. YES = Category I No___ Is not a bog for purpose of rating~~	**Cat. I**

SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland unit have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.* — **Old-growth forests**: (west of Cascade crest) Stands of at least two tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm) or more. NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. — **Mature forests**: (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53cm); crown cover may be less that 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth. YES = Category I NO ___not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? — The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks — The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom)* YES = Go to SC 5.1 NO___ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meets all of the following three conditions? — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square feet) YES = Category I NO = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**

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SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland unit west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? YES - go to SC 6.1 NO __ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis- lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is once acre or larger? YES = Category II NO – go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? YES = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics *Choose the highest category of wetland that is represented by the answers on p. 91* If you answered NO for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p.91	

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WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 - Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): LWN - 5 Date of site visit: 02-05-08

Rated by M Maynard Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No___ Date of training 04/06

SEC: 16 TWNSHP: 25N RNGE: 04E Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes___ No X

Map of wetland unit: Figure ____ Estimated size _____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland

I___ II___ III ✓ IV___

Category I = Score >=70
Category II = Score 51-69
Category III = Score 30-50
Category IV = Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	18
Score for Hydrologic Functions	2
Score for Habitat Functions	21
TOTAL score for Functions	41

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

I___ II___ Does not Apply ✓

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above) III

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics		Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Estuarine		Depressional	
Natural Heritage Wetland		Riverine	
Bog		Lake-fringe	✓
Mature Forest		Slope	
Old Growth Forest		Flats	
Coastal Lagoon		Freshwater Tidal	
Interdunal			
~~None of the above~~		~~Check if unit has multiple~~ HGM classes present	

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Does the wetland unit being rated meet any of the criteria below?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands That May Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal or plant*** *species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		✓
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered* ***animal*** *species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category I Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		✓
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

check

check

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands into those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

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Classification of Wetland Units in Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**

If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)? **YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**

*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 rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were called estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p.).

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 both** of the following criteria?
✓ The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) at least 20 acres (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**?
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 <3ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
NO - go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

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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 two years.

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

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

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 clases. 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

If you are unable still 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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	I. Lake-fringe Wetlands WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality	Points (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.59)*
L	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore *(use polygons of Cowardin classes)*: Vegetation is more than 33ft (10m) wide — points = 6 Vegetation is more than 16 (5m) wide and <33ft — points = 3 Vegetation is more than 6ft (2m) wide and <16 ft — points = 1 Vegetation is less than 6 ft wide — points = 0 Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked	Figure ____ 6
L	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* Cover of herbaceous plants is >90% of the vegetated area — points = 6 Cover of herbaceous plants is >2/3 of the vegetated area — points = 4 Cover of herbaceous plants is >1/3 of the vegetated area — points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 unit — points = 3 Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area — points = 1 Aquatic bed vegetation and open water cover > 2/3 of the unit — points = 0 Map with polygons of different vegetation types	Figure ____ 3
L	*Add the points in the boxes above*	9
L	**L 2. Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* — Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards — Grazing in the wetland or within 150ft — Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge — Tilled fields or orchards within 150 feet of wetland ✓ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft of wetland — Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ✓ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake — Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* multiplier 2
L	**TOTAL - Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2 *Add score to table on p. 1*	18

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L	**Lake-fringe Wetlands** HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to reduce shoreline erosion	**Points** (only 1 score per box)
L	**L 3. Does the wetland unit have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
L	L 3 Distance along shore and average width of Cowardin classes along the lakeshore (**do not** include aquatic bed): *(choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 6 > ¾ of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2 m) wide — points = 4 > ¼ distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft (10m) wide — points = 4 Vegetation is at least 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 2 Vegetation is less than 6 ft (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) — points = 0 Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure ___ 2
L	*Record the points from the box above*	2
L	**L 4. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* — There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. — There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests other wetlands) than can be damaged by shoreline erosion — Other_____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.63)* multiplier 1
L	**TOTAL - Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L 3 by L 4 ***Add score to table on p. 1***	2

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These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that unit functions to provide important habitat	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see p. 72)* *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin)- Size threshold for each class is ¼ acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ✓ Aquatic bed ✓ Emergent plants ___ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have >30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have >30% cover) *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 *Add the number of vegetation structures that qualify. If you have:* 4 structures or more — points = 4 3 structures — points = 2 2 structures — points = 1 1 structure — points = 0 Map of Cowardin vegetation classes	Figure ___ 4
H 1.2. Hydroperiods *(see p. 73)* *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 acre 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 — point = 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** Map of hydroperiods	Figure ___ 2
H 1.3. Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)* Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2. *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 *List species below if you want to:*	1

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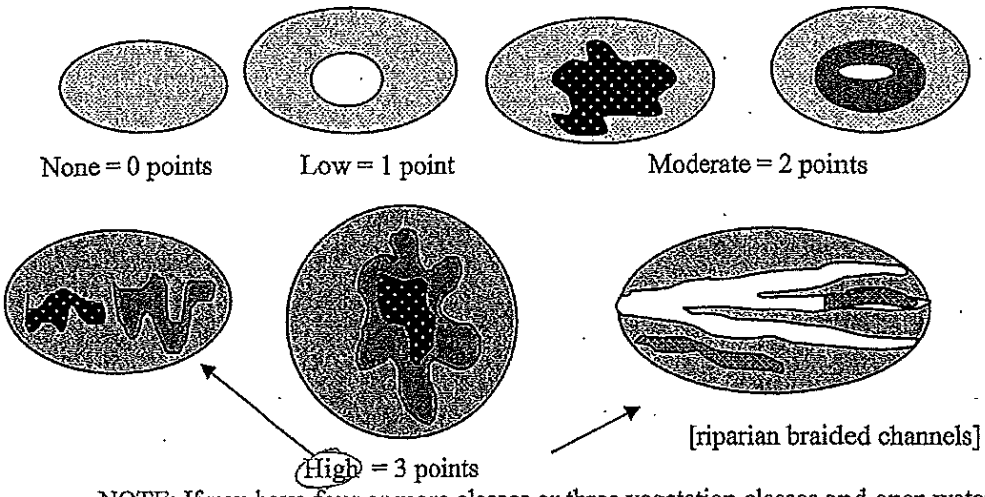
	Figure
H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats *(see p. 76)* Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  None = 0 points Low = 1 point Moderate = 2 points [riparian braided channels] High = 3 points NOTE: If you have four or more classes or three vegetation classes and open water the rating is always "high". Use map of Cowardin vegetation classes	3
H 1.5. Special Habitat Features: *(see p. 77)* *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in. diameter and 6 ft long). ____ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ____ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft (10m) ____ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ____ At least ¼ acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated. *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ____ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	1
H 1. TOTAL Score - potential for providing habitat *Add the scores from H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H1.5*	11

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H 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	
H 2.1 Buffers *(see p. 80)* *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed."* — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer. (relatively undisturbed also means no-grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use) **Points = 5** ✓ 100 m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference. **Points = 4** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% circumference. **Points = 4** — 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference, . **Points = 3** — 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference. **Points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above** — No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25 m (80ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — No paved areas or buildings within 50m of wetland for >50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK. **Points = 2** — Heavy grazing in buffer. **Points = 1** — Vegetated buffers are <2m wide (6.6ft) for more than 95% of the circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland **Points = 0.** — Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above. **Points = 1** Aerial photo showing buffers	Figure ___ 4
H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? (*dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor*). YES = **4 points** (*go to H 2.3*) NO = go to H 2.2.2 H 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR** a **Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? YES = **2 points** (*go to H 2.3*) NO = H 2.2.3 H 2.2.3 Is the wetland: within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR within 3 mi of a large field or pasture (>40 acres) OR within 1 mi of a lake greater than 20 acres? YES = **1 point** NO = **0 points**	2

Total for page 6

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H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW *(see p. 82)* Which of the following priority habitats are within 330ft (100m) of the wetland unit? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed.* *These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ____**Riparian**: The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____**Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres). ____**Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6 m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____**Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81 cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____**Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53 cm (21 in) dbh; crown cover may be less that 100%; crown cover may be less that 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. ____**Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where grasses and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____**Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 - 2.0 m (0.5 - 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____**Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages ____**Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands Stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓**Urban Natural Open Space**: A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____**Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____**Marine/Estuarine Shorelines**: Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has **3 or more** priority habitats = **4 points** If wetland has **2** priority habitats = **3 points** If wetland has **1** priority habitat = **1 point** No habitats = 0 points *Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4)*	1

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H 2.4 Wetland Landscape *(choose the **one** description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits)* *(see p. 84)* There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development. points = 5 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within ½ mile points = 5 There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed points = 3 The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetland within ½ mile points = 3 There is at least 1 wetland within ½ mile. points = 2 There are no wetlands within ½ mile. points = 0	3
H 2. TOTAL Score - opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1,H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	10
TOTAL for H 1 from page 14	11
Total Score for Habitat Functions – add the points for H 1, H 2 and record the result on p. 1	21

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

Wetland Type *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met*	**Category**
SC 1.0 Estuarine wetlands *(see p. 86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? — The dominant water regime is tidal, — Vegetated, and — With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. YES = Go to SC 1.1 NO ✓	
SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? YES = Category I NO go to SC 1.2	**Cat. I**
SC 1.2 Is the wetland unit at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions? YES = Category I NO = Category II — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp. are the only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category I. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual rating I/II**

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SC 2.0 Natural Heritage Wetlands *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland unit being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? *(this question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR)* S/T/R information from Appendix D ___ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site ___ YES____ – contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 NO ✓ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? YES = Category I NO ✓ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat. I**
SC 3.0 Bogs *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland unit **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? *Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog.* ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of the soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? Yes - go to Q. 3 (No) - go to Q. 2 2. Does the unit have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? Yes - go to Q. 3 (No) - Is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? Yes – Is a bog for purpose of rating (No) - go to Q. 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. *1.* Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine, WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)?* 2. YES = Category I No___ Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

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SC 4.0 Forested Wetlands *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland unit have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.* — **Old-growth forests**: (west of Cascade crest) Stands of at least two tree species, forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm) or more. NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. — **Mature forests**: (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53cm); crown cover may be less that 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth. YES = Category I NO ✓ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC 5.0 Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? — The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks — The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom)* YES = Go to SC 5.1 NO ✓ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meets all of the following three conditions? — The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing), and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). — At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. — The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square feet) YES = Category I NO = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**

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SC 6.0 Interdunal Wetlands *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland unit west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? YES - go to SC 6.1 NO ✓ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis- lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is once acre or larger? YES = Category II NO – go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? YES = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics *Choose the highest rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1* If you answered NO for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p.1	

Wetland name or number W-9 Thornton Creek

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): W-9 / Thornton creek Date of site visit:

Rated by: Pat Tagher Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No Date of training: 8/05

SEC: TWNSHP: RNGE: Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes No

Map of wetland unit: Figure **Estimated size**

SUMMARY OF RATING – Rating avg. of 4 sites.

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland: I II III IV

Category I =	Score > 70
Category II =	Score 51 - 69
Category III =	Score 30 – 50
Category IV =	Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	20
Score for Hydrologic Functions	26
Score for Habitat Functions	19
TOTAL Score for Functions	65

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTCS of Wetland I II Does not apply

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above") II

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit.

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics	
Estuarine	
Natural Heritage Wetland	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	✓

Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Depressional	
Riverine	✓
Lake-fringe	
Slope	
Flats	
Freshwater Tidal	
Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	

Does the wetland being rated meet any of the criteria below? If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands that Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered **animal or plant** species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered **animal** species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category 1 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands in to those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

Wetland name or number wq

Classification of Vegetated Wetlands for Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**
   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?
   YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is a Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were call estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p. _____).

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is 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 meet both of the following criteria?
   N The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) where at least 20 acres (8ha) in size;
   N At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 (2 m)?
   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)**

4. Does the entire wetland meet all of the following criteria?
   Y The wetland is on a slope *(slope can be very gradual)*.
   Y 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.
   N The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded?**
   NOTE: *Surface water does not pond in these types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

5. Does the entire wetland meet all of the following criteria?
   Y The unit is in a valley or stream channel where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river.
   Y The overbank flooding occurs at least once every two years.
   NOTE: *The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding..*
   NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time of 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 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

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

Wetland name or number _____

D Depressional and Flat Wetlands		Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
D 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.38)*
	D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 3 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted, permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (*permanently flowing*).....points = 1 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* **Provide photo or drawing**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (*use NRCS definitions*) **YES** points = 4 **NO** points = 0	
	D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class): • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 95% of area .....points = 5 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area .....points = 1 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation < 1/10 of area .....points = 0 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area of the wetland that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 years.* • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/2 total area of wetland.....points = 4 • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 2 • Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 0 **Map of Hydroperiods**	**Figure ___**
	Total for D 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 44)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from D1 by D2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation.	
D 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.46)*
	D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 4 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key) or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet *(permanently flowing)*.....points = 0	
	D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods. *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).* • Marks of ponding are 3 ft. or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet.....points = 7 • The wetland is a "headwater" wetland .....points = 5 • Marks of ponding between 2 ft. to < 3 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 5 • Marks are at least 0.5 ft. to < 2 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 3 • Wetland is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key)but has small depressions on the surface that trap water .points = 1 • Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft.....points = 0	
	D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* • The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit.....points = 5 • The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit.....points = 3 • The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit .....points = 0 • Entire unit is in the FLATS class.....points = 5	
	Total for D 3 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from	*(see p. 49)* Multiplier _____

	groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. *Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply.* ____ Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems. ____ Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from D3 by D4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

Comments:

Wetland name or number W9

R	Riverine and Freshwater Tidal Fringe Wetlands	Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
R 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.52)*	
	R 1.1 Area of surface depressions within the riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event: • Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland....points = 8 • Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland....points = 4 **(If depressions > 1/2 of area of unit draw polygons on aerial photo or map)** • Depressions present but cover < 1/2 area of wetland....points = 2 • No depressions present....points = 0	**Figure** ___ 2
	R 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the unit (areas with >90% cover at person height): • Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the unit....points = 8 • Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland....points = 6 • Ungrazed, herbaceous plants > 2/3 area of unit....points = 6 • Ungrazed herbaceous plants > 1/3 area of unit....points = 3 • Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of unit....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___ 8
	Add the points in the boxes above	10
R 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ___ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ___ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ___ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ___ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ✓ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ✓ The river or stream linked to the wetland has a contributing basin where human activities have raised levels of sediment, toxic compounds or nutrients in the river water above standards for water quality ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 53)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from R1 by R2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	20
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
R 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.54)*
	R 3.1 Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of unit) / (average width of stream between banks).* • If the ratio is more than 20....points = 9 • If the ratio is between 10 – 20....points = 6 avg. • If the ratio is 5- <10....points = 4 • If the ratio is 1- <5....points = 2 • If the ratio is < 1....points = 1 **Aerial photo or map showing average widths**	**Figure** ___ 6
	R 3.2 Characteristics of vegetation that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as "forest or shrub". Choose the points appropriate for the best description. (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height NOT Cowardin classes):* • Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR herbaceous plants > 2/3 area....points = 7 • Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR herbaceous plants > 1/3 area....points = 4 • Vegetation does not meet above criteria....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___ 7
	Add the points in the boxes above	13
R 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the wetland is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ✓ There are human structures and activities downstream (roads, buildings, bridges, farms) that can be damaged by flooding. ___ There are natural resources downstream (e.g. salmon redds) that can be damaged by flooding ___ Other ___ *(Answer NO if the major source of water to the wetland is controlled by a reservoir or the wetland is tidal fringe along the sides of a dike)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.57)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from R3 by R4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	26

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I. Lake-fringe Wetlands		Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
L 1	**Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.59)*	
	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore (use polygons of Cowardin classes): • Vegetation is more than 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • Vegetation is more than 16 ft.(5m) wide and < 33 ft ..... points = 3 • Vegetation is more than 6 ft. (2m) wide and < 16 ft ..... points = 1 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. wide ..... points = 0 **Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked**	**Figure ___**
	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *Choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 90% of the vegetated area ..... points = 6 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 2/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 4 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 1/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area ..... points = 1 • Aquatic bed cover and open water > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 0 **Map with polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure ___**
	Add the points in the boxes above	
L 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ____ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce shoreline erosion.	
L 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
	L 3 Average width and characteristics of vegetation along the lakeshore *(do not include aquatic bed): (choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2m) wide. ..... points = 4 • 1/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 4 • Vegetation is at least 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 2 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	Record the points in the boxes above	
L 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. ____ There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests, other wetlands) that can be damaged by shoreline erosion. ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 64)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L3 by L4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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S	Slope Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
S 1	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to improve water quality?**	*(see p.64)*
	S 1.1 Characteristics of average slope of unit: • Slope is 1% or less *(a 1% slope has a 1 ft. vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft. horizontal distance)* .....points = 3 • Slope is 1% - 2% .....points = 2 • Slope is 2% - 5% .....points = 1 • Slope is greater than 5% .....points = 0	
	S 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay, organic *(Use NRCS definitions).* **YES** = 3 points **NO** = 0 points	
	S 1.3 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: *Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the vegetation in the wetland. Dense vegetation means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 inches.* • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 90% of the wetland area .....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Dense, woody, vegetation > 1/2 of area. .....points = 2 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/4 of area .....points = 1 • Does not meet any of the criteria above for vegetation .....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with vegetation polygons**	**Figure ___**
	Total for S 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
S 2	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields, logging, or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential, urban areas, or golf courses are within 150 ft. upslope of wetland ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 67)* Multiplier _____
◆	**<u>TOTAL</u> – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from S1 by S2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
S 3	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to reduce flooding and stream erosion?**	*(see p.68)*
	S 3.1 Characteristics of vegetation 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 > 1/8in), or dense enough to remain erect during surface flows).* • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation covers > 90% of the area of the wetland.....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation> 1/2 area of wetland .....points = 3 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation > 1/4 area. .....points = 1 • More than 1/4 of area is grazed, mowed, tilled, or vegetation is not rigid.....points = 0	
	S 3.2 Characteristics of slope wetland that holds back small amounts of flood flows. The slope has small surface depressions that can retain water over at least 10% of its area. **YES** = 2 points **NO** = 0 points	
	Add the points in the boxes above	
S 4	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?** Is the wetland in a landscape position where the reduction in water velocity it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ Wetland has surface runoff that drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water is controlled by a reservoir (e.g. wetland is a seep that is on the downstream side of a dam)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 70)* Multiplier _____
◆	**<u>TOTAL</u> – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from S3 by S4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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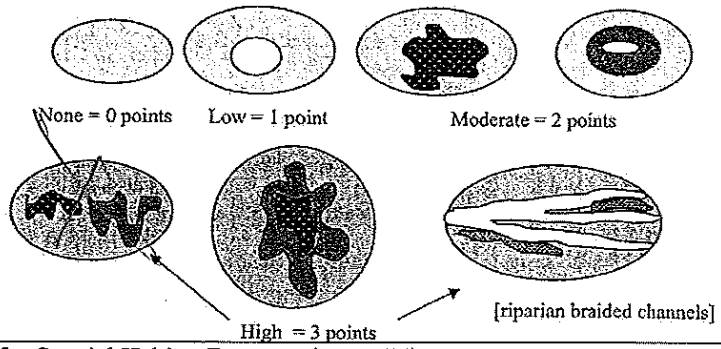
These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat.	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see P. 72)*: *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) – Size threshold for each class is 1/4 acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ____ Aquatic Bed ____ Emergent plants ✓ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) *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. *Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:* **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes** 4 structures or more .....points = 4 — 3 structures .....points = 2 2 structures .....points = 1 — 1 structure.....points = 0	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.2 Hydroperiods *(see p.73)*: *Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 acre to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).* ____ Permanently flooded or inundated — 4 or more types present points = 3 ✓ Seasonally flooded or inundated — 3 or more 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** **Map of hydroperiods**	**Figure ___** 2
H 1.3 Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)*: Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2 *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 List species below if you want to: < 5 species.....points = 0	1
H 1.4 Interspersion of Habitats *(see p. 76)*: Decided from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation (described in H1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  Note: If you have 4 or more classes or 3 vegetation classes and open water, the rating is always "high". **Use map of Cowardin classes.**	**Figure ___** 3
H 1.5 Special Habitat Features *(see p. 77)*: *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in. diameter and 6 ft. long) ✓ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ✓ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft. (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft. (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft. (10m) ✓ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ____ At least 1/4 acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ____ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	4
H 1 TOTAL Score – potential for providing habitat *Add the points in the column above*	11

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H 2	Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	(only 1 score per box)
	H 2.1 Buffers *(see P. 80)*: *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed".* ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer (relatively undisturbed also means no grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use).. ..... **points = 5** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference ..... **points = 3** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference ..... **points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above:** ____ No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25m (80 ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK..... **points = 2** ✓ No paved areas of buildings within 50m of wetland for > 50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK ..... **points = 2** ____ Heavy grazing in buffer..... **points = 1** ____ Vegetated buffers are < 2m wide (6.6 ft) for more than 95% circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland) ..... **points = 0** ____ Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above..... **points = 1** **Arial photo showing buffers**	**Figure ___** 2
	H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft. wide, has at least a 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(Dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor).* **YES = 4 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.2 H. 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50 ft. wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? **YES = 2 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.3 H. 2.2.3 Is the wetland: • Within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR • Within 3 miles of a large field or pasture (> 40 acres) OR **YES** = 1 point • Within 1 mile of a lake greater than 20 acres? ✓ **NO** = 0 points	1

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H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see p. 82):
Which of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft. (100m) of the wetland? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed. These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.*

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

___ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres)

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

___ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age.

___ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53cm (21 in) 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.

___ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where greases and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community.

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

___ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages.

___ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%.

✓ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development.

___ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons.

___ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control).

If wetland has 3 or more priority habitats .= 4 points — If wetland has 1 priority habit ...= 1 point
If wetland has 2 priority habitats .....= 3 points — No habitats .....= 0 points
Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. (Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4).

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H 2.4 Wetland Landscape: *Choose the one description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits (see p. 84)*

- There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development ..... points = 5
- The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 5
- There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed ..... points = 3
- The wetland fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 3
- There is at least 1 wetland within 1/2 mile ..... points = 2
- There are no wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 0

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	H 2 TOTAL Score – opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	11
	TOTAL for H 1 from page 8	8
◆	**Total Score for Habitat Functions** Add the points for H 1 and H 2; then ***record the result on p. 1***	19

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

	Wetland Type – *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	
SC1	**Estuarine wetlands?** *(see p.86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ____ The dominant water regime is tidal, ____ Vegetated, and ____ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. **YES** = Go to SC 1.1 **NO** _____	
	SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? **YES** = Category I **NO** = go to SC 1.2	**Cat. 1**
	SC 1.2 Is the wetland at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following conditions? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp,. are only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category 1. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland ____ The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual Rating I/II**
SC2	**Natural Heritage Wetlands** *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a natural heritage wetland? *(This question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR.)* S/T/R information from Appendix D _____ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site _____ **YES** _____ Contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 **NO** _____ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? **YES** = Category 1 **NO** _____ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat I**
SC3	**Bogs** *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = go to question 2 2. Does the wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? **YES** = Is a bog for purpose of rating **NO** = go to question 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. 4. Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine. WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)*? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

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SC4	**Forested Wetlands** *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.* ____ **Old-growth forests:** (west of Cascade Crest) Stands of at least two three species forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm or more). NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. ____ **Mature forests:** (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have an average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53 cm); 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. **YES** = Category I **NO** = ____ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC5	**Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons** *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? ____ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks. ____ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom.)* **YES** = Go to SC 5.1 **NO** _____ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing) and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ____ The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square ft.) **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC6	**Interdunal Wetlands** *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? **YES** = Go to SC 6.1 **NO** _____ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula -- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport -- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is one acre or larger? **YES** = Category II **NO** = go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the wetland between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? **YES** = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
◆	**Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics** *Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered **NO** for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	

Comments:

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WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): W-10, Taylor Creek Date of site visit: July 2009

Rated by: PAT Tagher Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No____ Date of training: 5/05

SEC:____ TWNSHP:____ RNGE:____ Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes____ No ____

Map of wetland unit: Figure____ Estimated size____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland: I____ II____ III____ IV____

Category I =	Score > 70
Category II =	Score 51 - 69
Category III =	Score 30 – 50
Category IV =	Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	14
Score for Hydrologic Functions	14
Score for Habitat Functions	15
TOTAL Score for Functions	43

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTCS of Wetland I____ II____ Does not apply____

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above") III

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit.

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics	
Estuarine	
Natural Heritage Wetland	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	✓

Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Depressional	
Riverine	✓
Lake-fringe	
Slope	✓
Flats	
Freshwater Tidal	
Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	✓

Does the wetland being rated meet any of the criteria below? If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands that Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered **animal or plant** species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered **animal** species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category 1 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands in to those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

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Classification of Vegetated Wetlands for Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**
   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?
   YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is a Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were call estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p. _____).

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is 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 meet both of the following criteria?
   N The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) where at least 20 acres (8ha) in size;
   N At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 (2 m)?
   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)**

4. Does the entire wetland 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?**
   NOTE: *Surface water does not pond in these types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

5. Does the entire wetland 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 two years.
   NOTE: *The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding..*
   NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time of 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 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

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

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D	Depressional and Flat Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
D 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.38)*
	D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 3 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted, permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (*permanently flowing*).....points = 1 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* **Provide photo or drawing**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (*use NRCS definitions*) **YES** points = 4 **NO** points = 0	
	D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class): • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 95% of area .....points = 5 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area .....points = 1 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation < 1/10 of area .....points = 0 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area of the wetland that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 years.* • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/2 total area of wetland.....points = 4 • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 2 • Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 0 **Map of Hydroperiods**	**Figure ___**
	Total for D 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 44)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from D1 by D2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation.	
D 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.46)*
	D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 4 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key) or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet *(permanently flowing)*.....points = 0	
	D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods. *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).* • Marks of ponding are 3 ft. or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet.....points = 7 • The wetland is a "headwater" wetland.....points = 5 • Marks of ponding between 2 ft. to < 3 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 5 • Marks are at least 0.5 ft. to < 2 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 3 • Wetland is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key)but has small depressions on the surface that trap water .points = 1 • Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft.....points = 0	
	D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* • The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit.....points = 5 • The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit.....points = 3 • The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit .....points = 0 • Entire unit is in the FLATS class.....points = 5	
	Total for D 3 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from	*(see p. 49)* Multiplier _____

	groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. *Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply.* ____ Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems. ____ Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from D3 by D4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

Comments:

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R: Riverine and Freshwater Tidal Fringe Wetlands		Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
R 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.52)*	
	R 1.1 Area of surface depressions within the riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event: • Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland....points = 8 • Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland....points = 4 **(If depressions > 1/2 of area of unit draw polygons on aerial photo or map)** • Depressions present but cover < 1/2 area of wetland....points = 2 • No depressions present....points = 0	**Figure** ___ Ø
	R 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the unit (areas with >90% cover at person height): • Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the unit....points = 8 • Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland....points = 6 • Ungrazed, herbaceous plants > 2/3 area of unit....points = 6 • Ungrazed herbaceous plants > 1/3 area of unit....points = 3 • Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of unit....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___ 7 (avg)
	Add the points in the boxes above	7
R 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ___ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ___ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ___ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ✓ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ✓ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ___ The river or stream linked to the wetland has a contributing basin where human activities have raised levels of sediment, toxic compounds or nutrients in the river water above standards for water quality. ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 53)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from R1 by R2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	14
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
R 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.54)*
	R 3.1 Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of unit) / (average width of stream between banks).* • If the ratio is more than 20....points = 9 • If the ratio is between 10 – 20....points = 6 • If the ratio is 5- <10....points = 4 • If the ratio is 1- <5....points = 2 • If the ratio is < 1....points = 1 **Aerial photo or map showing average widths**	**Figure** ___ 4
	R 3.2 Characteristics of vegetation that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as "forest or shrub". Choose the points appropriate for the best description. (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height NOT Cowardin classes):* • Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR herbaceous plants > 2/3 area....points = 7 • Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR herbaceous plants > 1/3 area....points = 4 • Vegetation does not meet above criteria....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___ 7
	Add the points in the boxes above	11
R 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the wetland is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. *Note which of the following conditions apply.* X There are human structures and activities downstream (roads, buildings, bridges, farms) that can be damaged by flooding. ___ There are natural resources downstream (e.g. salmon redds) that can be damaged by flooding ___ Other ___ *(Answer NO if the major source of water to the wetland is controlled by a reservoir or the wetland is tidal fringe along the sides of a dike)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.57)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from R3 by R4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	14

Comments:

Wetland name or number _____

L	Lake-fringe Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
L 1	**Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.59)*	
	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore (use polygons of Cowardin classes): • Vegetation is more than 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • Vegetation is more than 16 ft.(5m) wide and < 33 ft ..... points = 3 • Vegetation is more than 6 ft. (2m) wide and < 16 ft ..... points = 1 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. wide ..... points = 0 **Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked**	**Figure** ___
	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *Choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 90% of the vegetated area ..... points = 6 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 2/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 4 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 1/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area ..... points = 1 • Aquatic bed cover and open water > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 0 **Map with polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___
	Add the points in the boxes above	
L 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ____ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce shoreline erosion.	
L 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
	L 3 Average width and characteristics of vegetation along the lakeshore *(do not include aquatic bed): (choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2m) wide. ..... points = 4 • 1/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 4 • Vegetation is at least 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 2 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure** ___
	Record the points in the boxes above	
L 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. ____ There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests, other wetlands) that can be damaged by shoreline erosion. ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 64)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L3 by L4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

Comments:

Wetland name or number _____

S	Slope Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
S 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.64)*
	S 1.1 Characteristics of average slope of unit: • Slope is 1% or less *(a 1% slope has a 1 ft. vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft. horizontal distance)* .....points = 3 • Slope is 1% - 2%.....points = 2 • Slope is 2% - 5%.....points = 1 • Slope is greater than 5%.....points = 0	
	S 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay, organic *(Use NRCS definitions).* **YES** = 3 points **NO** = 0 points	
	S 1.3 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: *Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the vegetation in the wetland. Dense vegetation means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 inches.* • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 90% of the wetland area .....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/2 of area.....points = 3 • Dense, woody, vegetation > 1/2 of area. .....points = 2 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/4 of area.....points = 1 • Does not meet any of the criteria above for vegetation.....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with vegetation polygons**	**Figure ___**
	Total for S 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
S 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields, logging, or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential, urban areas, or golf courses are within 150 ft. upslope of wetland ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 67)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from S1 by S2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
S 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and stream erosion?**	*(see p.68)*
	S 3.1 Characteristics of vegetation 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 > 1/8in), or dense enough to remain erect during surface flows).* • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation covers > 90% of the area of the wetland.....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation> 1/2 area of wetland.....points = 3 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation > 1/4 area. .....points = 1 • More than 1/4 of area is grazed, mowed, tilled, or vegetation is not rigid.....points = 0	
	S 3.2 Characteristics of slope wetland that holds back small amounts of flood flows. The slope has small surface depressions that can retain water over at least 10% of its area. **YES** = 2 points **NO** = 0 points	
	Add the points in the boxes above	
S 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Is the wetland in a landscape position where the reduction in water velocity it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ Wetland has surface runoff that drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water is controlled by a reservoir (e.g. wetland is a seep that is on the downstream side of a dam)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 70)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from S3 by S4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

Comments:

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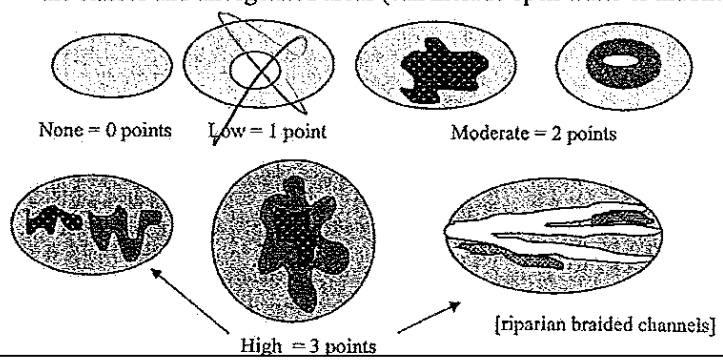
These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat.	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see P. 72)*: *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) – Size threshold for each class is 1/4 acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ____ Aquatic Bed ✓ Emergent plants ____ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) *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. *Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:* **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes** 4 structures or more .....points = 4 — 3 structures .....points = 2 2 structures .....points = 1 — 1 structure.....points = 0	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.2 Hydroperiods *(see p.73)*: *Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 acre to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).* ____ Permanently flooded or inundated — 4 or more types present points = 3 ____ Seasonally flooded or inundated — 3 or more 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** **Map of hydroperiods**	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.3 Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)*: Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2 *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 List species below if you want to: < 5 species.....points = 0 _____ _____ _____ _____	1
H 1.4 Interspersion of Habitats *(see p. 76)*: Decided from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation (described in H1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  Note: If you have 4 or more classes or 3 vegetation classes and open water, the rating is always "high". **Use map of Cowardin classes.**	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.5 Special Habitat Features *(see p. 77)*: *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in. diameter and 6 ft. long) ✓ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ____ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft. (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft. (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft. (10m) ____ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ____ At least 1/4 acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ____ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	2
H 1 TOTAL Score – potential for providing habitat *Add the points in the column above*	6

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H 2	Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	(only 1 score per box)
	H 2.1 Buffers *(see P. 80)*: *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed".* ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer (relatively undisturbed also means no grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use).. ..... **points = 5** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% circumference ..... **points = 4** ✓ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference ..... **points = 3** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference ..... **points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above:** ____ No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25m (80 ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK..... **points = 2** ____ No paved areas of buildings within 50m of wetland for > 50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK ..... **points = 2** ____ Heavy grazing in buffer..... **points = 1** ____ Vegetated buffers are < 2m wide (6.6 ft) for more than 95% circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland) ..... **points = 0** ____ Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above..... **points = 1** **Arial photo showing buffers**	**Figure ___** 3
	H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft. wide, has at least a 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(Dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor).* **YES = 4 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.2 H. 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50 ft. wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? **YES = 2 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.3 H. 2.2.3 Is the wetland: • Within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR • Within 3 miles of a large field or pasture (> 40 acres) OR • Within 1 mile of a lake greater than 20 acres? **YES** = 1 point **NO** = 0 points	1

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	H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see p. 82): Which of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft. (100m) of the wetland? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed. These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ✓ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres) ____ **Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53cm (21 in) 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. ____ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where greases and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 – 2.0m (0.5 – 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages. ____ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has 3 or more priority habitats .= 4 points If wetland has 1 priority habit ...= 1 point If wetland has 2 priority habitats .....= 3 points No habitats .....= 0 points Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. (Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4).	3
	H 2.4 Wetland Landscape: *Choose the **one** description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits (see p. 84)* • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development ..... points = 5 • The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 5 • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed..... points = 3 • The wetland fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile..... points = 3 • There is at least 1 wetland within 1/2 mile..... points = (2) • There are no wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 0	2
	H 2 TOTAL Score – opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	9
	TOTAL for H 1 from page 8	6
◆	**Total Score for Habitat Functions** Add the points for H 1 and H 2; then ***record the result on p. 1***	15

Comments:

Wetland name or number _____

CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

	Wetland Type – *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	
SC1	**Estuarine wetlands?** *(see p.86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ____ The dominant water regime is tidal, ____ Vegetated, and ____ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. **YES** = Go to SC 1.1 **NO** _____	
	SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? **YES** = Category I **NO** = go to SC 1.2	**Cat. 1**
	SC 1.2 Is the wetland at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following conditions? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp,. are only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category 1. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland ____ The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual Rating I/II**
SC2	**Natural Heritage Wetlands** *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a natural heritage wetland? *(This question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR.)* S/T/R information from Appendix D _____ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site _____ **YES** _____ Contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 **NO** _____ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? **YES** = Category 1 **NO** _____ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat I**
SC3	**Bogs** *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = go to question 2 2. Does the wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? **YES** = Is a bog for purpose of rating **NO** = go to question 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. 4. Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine. WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)*? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

SC4	**Forested Wetlands** *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.* ____ **Old-growth forests**: (west of Cascade Crest) Stands of at least two three species forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm or more). NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. ____ **Mature forests**: (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have an average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53 cm); 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. **YES** = Category I **NO** = _____ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC5	**Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons** *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? ____ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks. ____ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom.)* **YES** = Go to SC 5.1 **NO** _____ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing) and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ____ The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square ft.) **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC6	**Interdunal Wetlands** *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? **YES** = Go to SC 6.1 **NO** _____ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula -- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport -- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is one acre or larger? **YES** = Category II **NO** = go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the wetland between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? **YES** = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
◆	**Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics** *Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered **NO** for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	

Comments:

Wetland name or number W-11 / Maples Creek

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): W-11 / Maples Creek Date of site visit: 7/09

Rated by: PAT Tosher Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No ____ Date of training: 5/05

SEC: ____ TWNSHP: ____ RNGE: ____ Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes ____ No ____

Map of wetland unit: Figure ____ Estimated size ____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland: I ____ II ____ III ____ IV ____

Category I =	Score > 70
✓ Category II =	Score 51 - 69
Category III =	Score 30 – 50
Category IV =	Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	12
Score for Hydrologic Functions	26
Score for Habitat Functions	15
TOTAL Score for Functions	53

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTCS of Wetland I ____ II ____ Does not apply ____

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above") II

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit.

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics	
Estuarine	
Natural Heritage Wetland	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	

Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Depressional	
Riverine	✓
Lake-fringe	
Slope	✓
Flats	
Freshwater Tidal	
Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	✓

Does the wetland being rated meet any of the criteria below? If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands that Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered **animal or plant** species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered **animal** species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category 1 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands in to those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

Wetland name or number W-11

Classification of Vegetated Wetlands for Western Washington

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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**
   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?
   YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is a Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were call estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p. _____).

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is 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 meet both of the following criteria?
   ✓ The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) where at least 20 acres (8ha) in size;
   ✓ At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 (2 m)?
   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)**

4. Does the entire wetland 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?**
   NOTE: *Surface water does not pond in these types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

5. Does the entire wetland 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 two years.
   NOTE: *The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding..*
   NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time of 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 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

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

Wetland name or number _____

D. Depressional and Flat Wetlands		Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
D 1	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to improve water quality?**	*(see p.38)*
	D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 3 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted, permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (*permanently flowing*).....points = 1 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* **Provide photo or drawing**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (*use NRCS definitions*) **YES** points = 4 **NO** points = 0	
	D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class): • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 95% of area .....points = 5 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area .....points = 1 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation < 1/10 of area .....points = 0 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area of the wetland that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 years.* • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/2 total area of wetland.....points = 4 • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 2 • Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 0 **Map of Hydroperiods**	**Figure ___**
	Total for D 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 2	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 44)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from D1 by D2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation.	
D 3	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.46)*
	D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 4 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key) or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet *(permanently flowing)*.....points = 0	
	D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods. *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).* • Marks of ponding are 3 ft. or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet.....points = 7 • The wetland is a "headwater" wetland.....points = 5 • Marks of ponding between 2 ft. to < 3 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 5 • Marks are at least 0.5 ft. to < 2 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 3 • Wetland is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key)but has small depressions on the surface that trap water .points = 1 • Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft.....points = 0	
	D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* • The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit.....points = 5 • The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit.....points = 3 • The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit .....points = 0 • Entire unit is in the FLATS class.....points = 5	
	Total for D 3 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 4	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from	*(see p. 49)* Multiplier _____

	groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. *Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply.* ____ Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems. ____ Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from D3 by D4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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R Riverine and Freshwater Tidal Fringe Wetlands		Points (only 1 score per box)
WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.		
R 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.52)*	
R 1.1	Area of surface depressions within the riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event: • Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland....points = 8 • Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland....points = 4 **(If depressions > 1/2 of area of unit draw polygons on aerial photo or map)** • Depressions present but cover < 1/2 area of wetland....points = 2 • No depressions present....points = 0	**Figure ___** Ø
R 1.2	Characteristics of the vegetation in the unit (areas with >90% cover at person height): • Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the unit....points = 8 • Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland....points = 6 • Ungrazed, herbaceous plants > 2/3 area of unit....points = 6 • Ungrazed herbaceous plants > 1/3 area of unit....points = 3 • Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of unit....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure ___** 6
	Add the points in the boxes above	6
R 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ___ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ___ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ___ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ___ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ✓ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ___ The river or stream linked to the wetland has a contributing basin where human activities have raised levels of sediment, toxic compounds or nutrients in the river water above standards for water quality. ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 53)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from R1 by R2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	12
HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.		
R 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.54)*
R 3.1	Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of unit) / (average width of stream between banks).* • If the ratio is more than 20....points = 9 • If the ratio is between 10 – 20....points = 6 • If the ratio is 5- <10....points = 4 • If the ratio is 1- <5....points = 2 • If the ratio is < 1....points = 1 **Aerial photo or map showing average widths**	**Figure ___** 6
R 3.2	Characteristics of vegetation that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as "forest or shrub". Choose the points appropriate for the best description. (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height NOT Cowardin classes):* • Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR herbaceous plants > 2/3 area....points = 7 • Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR herbaceous plants > 1/3 area....points = 4 • Vegetation does not meet above criteria....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure ___** 7
	Add the points in the boxes above	13
R 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the wetland is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ___ There are human structures and activities downstream (roads, buildings, bridges, farms) that can be damaged by flooding. ___ There are natural resources downstream (e.g. salmon redds) that can be damaged by flooding ✓ Other near lakeshore prone to erosion *(Answer NO if the major source of water to the wetland is controlled by a reservoir or the wetland is tidal fringe along the sides of a dike)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.57)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from R3 by R4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	26

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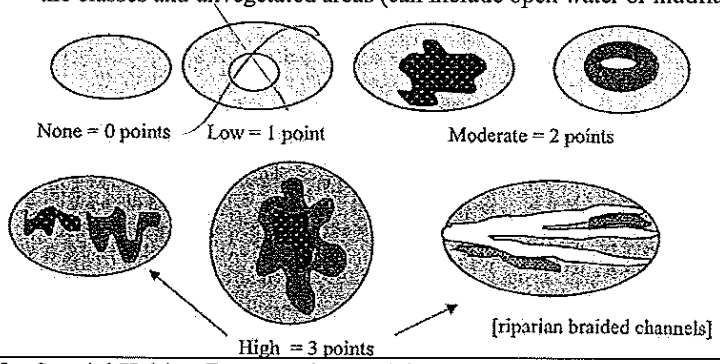
These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat.	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see P. 72)*: *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) – Size threshold for each class is 1/4 acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ___ Aquatic Bed ✓ Emergent plants ___ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) ✓ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) *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. *Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:* **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes** 4 structures or more .....points = 4 — 3 structures .....points = 2 2 structures .....points = 1 — 1 structure.....points = 0	Figure ___ 2
H 1.2 Hydroperiods *(see p.73)*: *Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 acre to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).* ___ Permanently flooded or inundated — 4 or more types present points = 3 ___ Seasonally flooded or inundated — 3 or more 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** **Map of hydroperiods**	Figure ___ 3
H 1.3 Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)*: Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2 *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 List species below if you want to: < 5 species.....points = 0 _____ _____ _____ _____	1
H 1.4 Interspersion of Habitats *(see p. 76)*: Decided from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation (described in H1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  Note: If you have 4 or more classes or 3 vegetation classes and open water, the rating is always "high". **Use map of Cowardin classes.**	Figure ___ 1
H 1.5 Special Habitat Features *(see p. 77)*: *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ✓ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in. diameter and 6 ft. long) ✓ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft. (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft. (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft. (10m) ___ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ___ At least 1/4 acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	2
H 1 TOTAL Score – potential for providing habitat *Add the points in the column above*	9

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H 2	Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	(only 1 score per box)
	H 2.1 Buffers *(see P. 80)*: *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed".* ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer (relatively undisturbed also means no grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use)..... **points = 5** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference ..... **points = 3** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference..... **points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above:** ____ No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25m (80 ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK..... **points = 2** ____ No paved areas of buildings within 50m of wetland for > 50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK ..... **points = 2** ____ Heavy grazing in buffer..... **points = 1** ____ Vegetated buffers are < 2m wide (6.6 ft) for more than 95% circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland) ..... **points = 0** ____ Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above..... **points = 1** **Arial photo showing buffers**	**Figure ___** 2
	H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft. wide, has at least a 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(Dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor).* **YES = 4 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.2 H. 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50 ft. wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? **YES = 2 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.3 H. 2.2.3 Is the wetland: • Within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR • Within 3 miles of a large field or pasture (> 40 acres) OR **YES** = 1 point • Within 1 mile of a lake greater than 20 acres? **NO** = 0 points	1

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	H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see p. 82): Which of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft. (100m) of the wetland? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed. These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ____ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres) ____ **Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53cm (21 in) 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. ____ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where greases and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 – 2.0m (0.5 – 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages. ____ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has 3 or more priority habitats .= 4 points If wetland has 1 priority habit ...= 1 point If wetland has 2 priority habitats .....= 3 points No habitats .....= 0 points Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. (Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4).	1
	H 2.4 Wetland Landscape: *Choose the one description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits (see p. 84)* • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development ..... points = 5 • The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 5 • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed..... points = 3 • The wetland fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile..... points = 3 • There is at least 1 wetland within 1/2 mile..... points = 2 • There are no wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 0	2
	H 2 TOTAL Score – opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	6
	TOTAL for H 1 from page 8	9
◆	**Total Score for Habitat Functions** Add the points for H 1 and H 2; then ***record the result on p. 1***	15

Comments:

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

	Wetland Type – *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	
SC1	**Estuarine wetlands?** *(see p.86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ____ The dominant water regime is tidal, ____ Vegetated, and ____ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. **YES** = Go to SC 1.1 **NO** _____	
	SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? **YES** = Category I **NO** = go to SC 1.2	**Cat. 1**
	SC 1.2 Is the wetland at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following conditions? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp,. are only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category 1. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland ____ The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual Rating I/II**
SC2	**Natural Heritage Wetlands** *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a natural heritage wetland? *(This question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR.)* S/T/R information from Appendix D _____ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site _____ **YES** ____ Contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 **NO** _____ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? **YES** = Category 1 **NO** _____ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat I**
SC3	**Bogs** *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = go to question 2 2. Does the wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? **YES** = Is a bog for purpose of rating **NO** = go to question 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. 4. Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine. WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)*? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

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SC4	**Forested Wetlands** *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.* ____ **Old-growth forests:** (west of Cascade Crest) Stands of at least two three species forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm or more). NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. ____ **Mature forests:** (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have an average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53 cm); 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. **YES** = Category I **NO** = _____ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC5	**Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons** *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? ____ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks. ____ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom.)* **YES** = Go to SC 5.1 **NO** _____ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing) and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ____ The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square ft.) **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC6	**Interdunal Wetlands** *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? **YES** = Go to SC 6.1 **NO** _____ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula -- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport -- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is one acre or larger? **YES** = Category II **NO** = go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the wetland between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? **YES** = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
◆	**Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics** *Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered **NO** for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	

Comments:

Wetland name or number W-13 Foster Island

WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users

Name of wetland (if known): W-13 Foster Island Date of site visit: 7/09

Rated by: Pat Tagher Trained by Ecology? Yes ✓ No____ Date of training: 5/05

SEC:_____ TWNSHP:_____ RNGE:_____ Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes_____ No ____

Map of wetland unit: Figure_____ Estimated size_____

SUMMARY OF RATING

Category based on FUNCTIONS provided by wetland: I_____ II_____ III_____ IV_____

Category I =	Score > 70
Category II =	Score 51 - 69
✓ Category III =	Score 30 – 50
Category IV =	Score < 30

Score for Water Quality Functions	20
Score for Hydrologic Functions	12
Score for Habitat Functions	15
TOTAL Score for Functions	47

Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTCS of Wetland I_____ II_____ Does not apply_____

Final Category (choose the "highest" category from above") III

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit.

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics	
Estuarine	
Natural Heritage Wetland	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	✓

Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Depressional	
Riverine	
Lake-fringe	✓
Slope	
Flats	
Freshwater Tidal	
Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	

Does the wetland being rated meet any of the criteria below? If you answer YES to any of the questions below you will need to protect the wetland according to the regulations regarding the special characteristics found in the wetland.

Check List for Wetlands that Need Additional Protection (in addition to the protection recommended for its category)	YES	NO
SP1. *Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered **animal or plant** species (T/E species)?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		
SP2. *Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered **animal** species?* For the purposes of this rating system, "documented" means the wetland is on the appropriate state database. Note: Wetlands with State listed plant species are categorized as Category 1 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 19 of data form).		
SP3. *Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?*		
SP4. *Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?* For example, the wetland has been identified in the Shoreline Master Program, the Critical Areas Ordinance, or in a local management plan as having special significance.		

To complete the next part of the data sheet you will need to determine the Hydrogeomorphic Class of the wetland being rated.

The hydrogeomorphic classification groups wetlands in to those that function in similar ways. This simplifies the questions needed to answer how well the wetland functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

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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 (i.e. except during floods)?
   NO – go to 2 **YES** – the wetland class is **Tidal Fringe**
   If yes, is the salinity of the water during periods of annual low flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?
   YES – Freshwater Tidal Fringe **NO – Saltwater Tidal Fringe (Estuarine)**
   *If your wetland can be classified as a Freshwater Tidal Fringe use the forms for **Riverine** wetlands. If it is a Saltwater Tidal Fringe it is rated as an **Estuarine** wetland.* Wetlands that were call estuarine in the first and second editions of the rating system are called Salt Water Tidal Fringe in the Hydrogeomorphic Classification. Estuarine wetlands were categorized separately in the earlier editions, and this separation is being kept in this revision. To maintain consistency between editions, the term "Estuarine" wetland is kept. Please note, however, that the characteristics that define Category I and II estuarine wetlands have changed (see p. _____).

2. The entire wetland unit is flat and precipitation is 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 meet both of the following criteria?
   ✓ The vegetated part of the wetland is on the shores of a body of permanent open water (without any vegetation on the surface) where at least 20 acres (8ha) in size;
   ✓ At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 6.6 (2 m)?
   NO – go to 4 **YES** – The wetland class is **Lake-fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)**

4. Does the entire wetland 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**?
   NOTE: *Surface water does not pond in these types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).*
   NO – go to 5 **YES** – The wetland class is **Slope**

5. Does the entire wetland 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 two years.
   NOTE: *The riverine unit can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding..*
   NO – go to 6 **YES** – The wetland class is **Riverine**

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time of 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 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 your wetland. 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 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	Depressional
Depressional + Lake-fringe	Depressional
Salt Water Tidal Fringe and any other class of freshwater wetland	Treat as ESTUARINE under wetlands with special characteristics

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

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D Depressional and Flat Wetlands		Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
D 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?**	*(see p.38)*
	D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 3 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted, permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (*permanently flowing*).....points = 1 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* **Provide photo or drawing**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (*use NRCS definitions*) **YES** points = 4 **NO** points = 0	
	D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class): • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 95% of area .....points = 5 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area .....points = 1 • Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation < 1/10 of area .....points = 0 **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes**	**Figure ___**
	D 1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation: *This is the area of the wetland that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 years.* • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/2 total area of wetland.....points = 4 • Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 2 • Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland.....points = 0 **Map of Hydroperiods**	**Figure ___**
	Total for D 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 44)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from D1 by D2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation.	
D 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.46)*
	D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit • Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) .....points = 4 • Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet.....points = 2 • Unit is a "flat" depression (Q.7 on key) or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow **and no obvious natural outlet** and/or outlet is a man-made ditch .....points = 1 *(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing")* • Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet *(permanently flowing)*.....points = 0	
	D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods. *Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).* • Marks of ponding are 3 ft. or more above the surface or bottom of the outlet.....points = 7 • The wetland is a "headwater" wetland.....points = 5 • Marks of ponding between 2 ft. to < 3 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 5 • Marks are at least 0.5 ft. to < 2 ft. from surface or bottom of outlet .....points = 3 • Wetland is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key)but has small depressions on the surface that trap water.points = 1 • Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft.....points = 0	
	D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed: *Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.* • The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit.....points = 5 • The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit.....points = 3 • The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit .....points = 0 • Entire unit is in the FLATS class.....points = 5	
	Total for D 3 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
D 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from	*(see p. 49)* Multiplier _____

	groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. *Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply.* ____ Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems. ____ Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from D3 by D4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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R	Riverine and Freshwater Tidal Fringe Wetlands	Points (only 1 score per box)
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	
R 1	**Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.52)*	
	R 1.1 Area of surface depressions within the riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event: • Depressions cover > 3/4 area of wetland.....points = 8 • Depressions cover > 1/2 area of wetland.....points = 4 **(If depressions > 1/2 of area of unit draw polygons on aerial photo or map)** • Depressions present but cover < 1/2 area of wetland.....points = 2 • No depressions present.....points = 0	**Figure** ___
	R 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the unit (areas with >90% cover at person height): • Trees or shrubs > 2/3 area of the unit.....points = 8 • Trees or shrubs > 1/3 area of the wetland.....points = 6 • Ungrazed, herbaceous plants > 2/3 area of unit.....points = 6 • Ungrazed herbaceous plants > 1/3 area of unit.....points = 3 • Trees, shrubs, and ungrazed herbaceous < 1/3 area of unit.....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___
	Add the points in the boxes above	
R 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging ____ Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft. of wetland ____ The river or stream linked to the wetland has a contributing basin where human activities have raised levels of sediment, toxic compounds or nutrients in the river water above standards for water quality. ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 53)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from R1 by R2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
R 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?**	*(see p.54)*
	R 3.1 Characteristics of the overbank storage the wetland provides: *Estimate the average width of the wetland perpendicular to the direction of the flow and the width of the stream or river channel (distance between banks). Calculate the ratio: (average width of unit) / (average width of stream between banks).* • If the ratio is more than 20.....points = 9 • If the ratio is between 10 – 20.....points = 6 • If the ratio is 5- <10.....points = 4 • If the ratio is 1- <5.....points = 2 • If the ratio is < 1.....points = 1 **Aerial photo or map showing average widths**	**Figure** ___
	R 3.2 Characteristics of vegetation that slow down water velocities during floods: *Treat large woody debris as "forest or shrub". Choose the points appropriate for the best description. (polygons need to have >90% cover at person height NOT Cowardin classes):* • Forest or shrub for > 1/3 area OR herbaceous plants > 2/3 area.....points = 7 • Forest or shrub for > 1/10 area OR herbaceous plants > 1/3 area.....points = 4 • Vegetation does not meet above criteria.....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map showing polygons of different vegetation types**	**Figure** ___
	Add the points in the boxes above	
R 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?** Answer YES if the wetland is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ There are human structures and activities downstream (roads, buildings, bridges, farms) that can be damaged by flooding. ____ There are natural resources downstream (e.g. salmon redds) that can be damaged by flooding ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water to the wetland is controlled by a reservoir or the wetland is tidal fringe along the sides of a dike)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.57)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from R3 by R4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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L	Lake-fringe Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
L 1	**Does the wetland unit have the potential to improve water quality?** *(see p.59)*	
	L 1.1 Average width of vegetation along the lakeshore (use polygons of Cowardin classes): • Vegetation is more than 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • Vegetation is more than 16 ft.(5m) wide and < 33 ft ..... points = 3 • Vegetation is more than 6 ft. (2m) wide and < 16 ft ..... points = 1 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. wide ..... points = 0 **Map of Cowardin classes with widths marked**	Figure ___ 6
	L 1.2 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland: *Choose the appropriate description that results in the highest points, and do not include any open water in your estimate of coverage. The herbaceous plants can be either the dominant form or as an understory in a shrub or forest community. These are not Cowardin classes. Area of Cover is total cover in the unit, but it can be in patches. NOTE: Herbaceous does not include aquatic bed.* • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 90% of the vegetated area ..... points = 6 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 2/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 4 • Cover of herbaceous plants is > 1/3 of the vegetated area ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed or herbaceous covers > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 3 • Other vegetation that is not aquatic bed in > 1/3 vegetated area ..... points = 1 • Aquatic bed cover and open water > 2/3 of the unit ..... points = 0 **Map with polygons of different vegetation types**	Figure ___ 4
	Add the points in the boxes above	10
L 2	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in the lake water, or polluted surface water flowing through the unit to the lake. *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ___ Wetland is along the shores of a lake or reservoir that does not meet water quality standards ___ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ___ Polluted water discharges to wetland along upland edge ___ Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ___ Residential or urban areas are within 150 ft. of wetland ✓ Parks with grassy areas that are maintained, ballfields, golf courses (all within 150 ft. of lake shore) ✓ Power boats with gasoline or diesel engines use the lake ___ Other ___ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p.61)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from L1 by L2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	20
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce shoreline erosion.	
L 3	**Does the wetland have the potential to reduce shoreline erosion?**	*(see p.62)*
	L 3 Average width and characteristics of vegetation along the lakeshore *(do not include aquatic bed): (choose the highest scoring description that matches conditions in the wetland)* • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 6 • 3/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 6 ft. (2m) wide. ..... points = 4 • 1/4 of distance is shrubs or forest at least 33 ft. (10m) wide ..... points = 4 • Vegetation is at least 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 2 • Vegetation is less than 6 ft. (2m) wide (any type except aquatic bed) ..... points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with Cowardin vegetation classes**	Figure ___ 6
	Record the points in the boxes above	6
L 4	**Does the wetland have the opportunity to reduce erosion?** Are there features along the shore that will be impacted if the shoreline erodes? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ___ There are human structures and activities along the upland edge of the wetland (buildings, fields) that can be damaged by erosion. ___ There are undisturbed natural resources along the upland edge of the wetland (e.g. mature forests, other wetlands) that can be damaged by shoreline erosion. ✓ Other cobbled on shoreline, exposed to erosion **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 64)* Multiplier 2
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from L3 by L4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	12

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S	Slope Wetlands	Points
	WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality.	(only 1 score per box)
S 1	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to improve water quality?**	*(see p.64)*
	S 1.1 Characteristics of average slope of unit: • Slope is 1% or less *(a 1% slope has a 1 ft. vertical drop in elevation for every 100 ft. horizontal distance)* .....points = 3 • Slope is 1% - 2% .....points = 2 • Slope is 2% - 5% .....points = 1 • Slope is greater than 5% .....points = 0	
	S 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay, organic *(Use NRCS definitions)*. **YES** = 3 points **NO** = 0 points	
	S 1.3 Characteristics of the vegetation in the wetland that trap sediments and pollutants: *Choose the points appropriate for the description that best fits the vegetation in the wetland. Dense vegetation means you have trouble seeing the soil surface (>75% cover), and uncut means not grazed or mowed and plants are higher than 6 inches.* • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 90% of the wetland area .....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/2 of area .....points = 3 • Dense, woody, vegetation > 1/2 of area. .....points = 2 • Dense, uncut, herbaceous vegetation > 1/4 of area .....points = 1 • Does not meet any of the criteria above for vegetation .....points = 0 **Aerial photo or map with vegetation polygons**	**Figure ___**
	Total for S 1 *Add the points in the boxes above*	
S 2	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to improve water quality?** Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland? *Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity.* ____ Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft ____ Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland ____ Tilled fields, logging, or orchards within 150 ft. of wetland ____ Residential, urban areas, or golf courses are within 150 ft. upslope of wetland ____ Other _____ **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 67)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Water Quality Functions** Multiply the score from S1 by S2; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	
	HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream erosion.	
S 3	**Does the wetland have the <u>potential</u> to reduce flooding and stream erosion?**	*(see p.68)*
	S 3.1 Characteristics of vegetation 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 > 1/8in), or dense enough to remain erect during surface flows).* • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation covers > 90% of the area of the wetland .....points = 6 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation> 1/2 area of wetland .....points = 3 • Dense, uncut, **rigid** vegetation > 1/4 area. .....points = 1 • More than 1/4 of area is grazed, mowed, tilled, or vegetation is not rigid .....points = 0	
	S 3.2 Characteristics of slope wetland that holds back small amounts of flood flows. The slope has small surface depressions that can retain water over at least 10% of its area. **YES** = 2 points **NO** = 0 points	
	Add the points in the boxes above	
S 4	**Does the wetland have the <u>opportunity</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?** Is the wetland in a landscape position where the reduction in water velocity it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows? *Note which of the following conditions apply.* ____ Wetland has surface runoff that drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems ____ Other _____ *(Answer NO if the major source of water is controlled by a reservoir (e.g. wetland is a seep that is on the downstream side of a dam)* **YES** multiplier is 2 **NO** multiplier is 1	*(see p. 70)* Multiplier _____
◆	**TOTAL – Hydrologic Functions** Multiply the score from S3 by S4; then ***add score to table on p. 1***	

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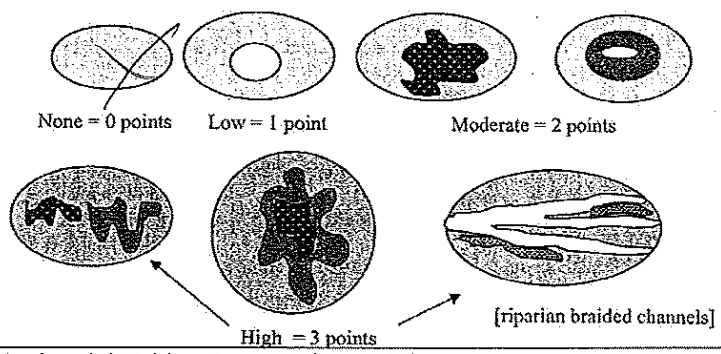
These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes. HABITAT FUNCTIONS – Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat.	Points (only 1 score per box)
H 1 Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure *(see P. 72)*: *Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) – Size threshold for each class is 1/4 acre or more than 10% of the area if unit is smaller than 2.5 acres.* ___ Aquatic Bed ✓ Emergent plants ___ Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover) ___ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover) *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. *Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:* **Map of Cowardin vegetation classes** 4 structures or more .....points = 4 — 3 structures .....points = 2 2 structures .....points = 1 — (1) structure.....points = 0	**Figure ___** 1
H 1.2 Hydroperiods *(see p.73)*: *Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 acre to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).* ✓ Permanently flooded or inundated — 4 or more types present points = 3 ___ Seasonally flooded or inundated — 3 or more 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** — **Map of hydroperiods**	**Figure ___** 2
H 1.3 Richness of Plant Species *(see p. 75)*: Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft^2 *(different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)* *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 List species below if you want to: < 5 species.....points = 0 _____ _____ _____ _____	1
H 1.4 Interspersion of Habitats *(see p. 76)*: Decided from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation (described in H1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.  None = 0 points — Low = 1 point — Moderate = 2 points High = 3 points — [riparian braided channels] Note: If you have 4 or more classes or 3 vegetation classes and open water, the rating is always "high". **Use map of Cowardin classes.**	**Figure ___** Ø
H 1.5 Special Habitat Features *(see p. 77)*: *Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column.* ___ Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (> 4 in. diameter and 6 ft. long) ___ Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland ___ Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft. (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft. (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft. (10m) ___ Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (> 30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present *(cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown)* ___ At least 1/4 acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated *(structures for egg-laying by amphibians)* ___ Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants *NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.*	Ø
H 1 TOTAL Score – potential for providing habitat — *Add the points in the column above*	4

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H 2	Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	(only 1 score per box)
	H 2.1 Buffers *(see P. 80)*: *Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed".* ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer (relatively undisturbed also means no grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use).. ..... **points = 5** ✓ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 50% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 95% circumference ..... **points = 4** ____ 100m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water > 25% circumference ..... **points = 3** ____ 50m (170 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for > 50% circumference ..... **points = 3** **If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above:** ____ No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25m (80 ft) of wetland > 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK..... **points = 2** ____ No paved areas of buildings within 50m of wetland for > 50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing or lawns are OK ..... **points = 2** ____ Heavy grazing in buffer..... **points = 1** ____ Vegetated buffers are < 2m wide (6.6 ft) for more than 95% circumference (e.g. tilled fields, paving, basalt bedrock extend to edge of wetland) ..... **points = 0** ____ Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above..... **points = 1** **Arial photo showing buffers**	**Figure ___** 4
	H 2.2 Corridors and Connections *(see p. 81)* H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft. wide, has at least a 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? *(Dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor).* **YES = 4 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.2 H. 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50 ft. wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? **OR a Lake-fringe** wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? **YES = 2 points** (go to H 2.3) **NO** = go to H 2.2.3 H. 2.2.3 Is the wetland: • Within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR • Within 3 miles of a large field or pasture (> 40 acres) OR **YES** = 1 point • Within 1 mile of a lake greater than 20 acres? **NO** = 0 points	1

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	H 2.3 Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see p. 82): Which of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft. (100m) of the wetland? *NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed. These are DFW definitions. Check with your local DFW biologist if there are any questions.* ____ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other. ____ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.8 ha (2 acres) ____ **Cliffs:** Greater than 7.6m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft. ____ **Old-growth 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 20 trees/ha (8 trees/acre) > 81cm (32 in) dbh or > 200 years of age. ____ **Mature forests:** Stands with average diameters exceeding 53cm (21 in) 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. ____ **Prairies:** Relatively undisturbed areas (as indicated by dominance of native plants) where greases and/or forbs form the natural climax plant community. ____ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.15 – 2.0m (0.5 – 6.5 ft), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs. ____ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages. ____ **Oregon white Oak:** Woodlands stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component of the stand is 25%. ✓ **Urban Natural Open Space:** A priority species resides within or is adjacent to the open space and uses it for breeding and/or regular feeding; and/or the open space functions as a corridor connecting other *priority habitats*, especially those that would otherwise be isolated; and/or the open space is an isolated remnant of natural habitat larger than 4 ha (10 acres) and is surrounded by urban development. ____ **Estuary/Estuary-like:** Deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands, usually semi-enclosed by land but with open, partly obstructed or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Estuarine habitat extends upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 ppt. during the period of average annual low flow. Includes both estuaries and lagoons. ____ **Marine/Estuarine Shorelines:** Shorelines include the intertidal and subtidal zones of beaches, and may also include the backshore and adjacent components of the terrestrial landscape (e.g., cliffs, snags, mature trees, dunes, meadows) that are important to shoreline associated fish and wildlife and that contribute to shoreline function (e.g., sand/rock/log recruitment, nutrient contribution, erosion control). If wetland has 3 or more priority habitats .= 4 points — If wetland has 1 priority habit ...= 1 point If wetland has 2 priority habitats .....= 3 points — No habitats .....= 0 points Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. (Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H 2.4).	1
	H 2.4 Wetland Landscape: *Choose the one description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits (see p. 84)* • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development ..... points = 5 • The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = (5) • There are at least 3 other wetlands within 1/2 mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed..... points = 3 • The wetland fringe on a lake **with** disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within 1/2 mile..... points = 3 • There is at least 1 wetland within 1/2 mile..... points = 2 • There are no wetlands within 1/2 mile ..... points = 0	5
	H 2 TOTAL Score – opportunity for providing habitat *Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4*	11
	TOTAL for H 1 from page 8	4
◆	**Total Score for Habitat Functions** Add the points for H 1 and H 2; then ***record the result on p. 1***	15

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate answers and Category.

	Wetland Type – *Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.*	
SC1	**Estuarine wetlands?** *(see p.86)* Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands? ____ The dominant water regime is tidal, ____ Vegetated, and ____ With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. **YES** = Go to SC 1.1 **NO** _____	
	SC 1.1 Is the wetland unit within a National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Estuary Reserve, Natural Area Preserve, State Park or Educational, Environmental, or Scientific Reserve designated under WAC 332-30-151? **YES** = Category I **NO** = go to SC 1.2	**Cat. 1**
	SC 1.2 Is the wetland at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following conditions? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native *Spartina* spp,. are only species that cover more than 10% of the wetland, then the wetland should be given a dual rating (I/II). The area of Spartina would be rated a Category II while the relatively undisturbed upper marsh with native species would be a Category 1. Do not, however, exclude the area of Spartina in determining the size threshold of 1 acre. ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland ____ The wetland has at least 2 of the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.	**Cat. I** **Cat. II** **Dual Rating I/II**
SC2	**Natural Heritage Wetlands** *(see p. 87)* Natural Heritage wetlands have been identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program/DNR as either high quality undisturbed wetlands or wetlands that support state Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant species. SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a natural heritage wetland? *(This question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR.)* S/T/R information from Appendix D _____ or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site _____ **YES** _____ Contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2 **NO** _____ SC 2.2 Has DNR identified the wetland as a high quality undisturbed wetland or as a site with state threatened or endangered plant species? **YES** = Category 1 **NO** _____ not a Heritage Wetland	**Cat I**
SC3	**Bogs** *(see p. 87)* Does the wetland **(or any part of the unit)** meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.*** 1. Does the unit have organic soil horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16 inches or more of the first 32 inches of soil profile? (See Appendix B for a field key to identify organic soils)? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = go to question 2 2. Does the wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks that are less than 16 inches deep over bedrock, or an impermeable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on a lake or pond? **YES** = go to question 3 **NO** = is not a bog for purpose of rating 3. Does the unit have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level, AND other plants, if present, consist of the "bog" species listed in Table 3 as a significant component of the vegetation (more than 30% of the total shrub and herbaceous cover consists of species in Table 3)? **YES** = Is a bog for purpose of rating **NO** = go to question 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" deep. If the pH is less than 5.0 and the "bog" plant species in Table 3 are present, the wetland is a bog. 4. Is the unit forested (> 30% cover) with sitka spruce, subalpine fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, Englemann's spruce, or western white pine. WITH any of the species (or combination of species) on the bog species plant list in Table 3 as a significant component of the ground cover *(> 30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)*? **YES** = Category I **NO** = Is not a bog for purpose of rating	**Cat. I**

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SC4	**Forested Wetlands** *(see p. 90)* Does the wetland have at least 1 acre of forest that meet one of these criteria for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? *If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its function.* ____ **Old-growth forests:** (west of Cascade Crest) Stands of at least two three species forming a multi-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/acre (20 trees/hectare) that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 32 inches (81 cm or more). NOTE: The criterion for dbh is based on measurements for upland forests. Two-hundred year old trees in wetlands will often have a smaller dbh because their growth rates are often slower. The DFW criterion is and "OR" so old-growth forests do not necessarily have to have trees of this diameter. ____ **Mature forests:** (west of the Cascade Crest) Stands where the largest trees are 80 – 200 years old OR have an average diameters (dbh) exceeding 21 inches (53 cm); 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. **YES** = Category I **NO** = _____ not a forested wetland with special characteristics	**Cat. I**
SC5	**Wetlands in Coastal Lagoons** *(see p. 91)* Does the wetland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon? ____ The wetland lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially separated from marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently, rocks. ____ The lagoon in which the wetland is located contains surface water that is saline or brackish (> 0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon *(needs to be measured near the bottom.)* **YES** = Go to SC 5.1 **NO** _____ not a wetland in a coastal lagoon SC 5.1 Does the wetland meet all of the following three conditions? ____ The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing) and has less than 20% cover of invasive plant species (see list of invasive species on p. 74). ____ At least 3/4 of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft. buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed grassland. ____ The wetland is larger than 1/10 acre (4350 square ft.) **YES** = Category I **NO** = Category II	**Cat. I** **Cat. II**
SC6	**Interdunal Wetlands** *(see p. 93)* Is the wetland west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland Ownership or WBUO)? **YES** = Go to SC 6.1 **NO** _____ not an interdunal wetland for rating ***If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.*** In practical terms that means the following geographic areas: • Long Beach Peninsula -- lands west of SR 103 • Grayland-Westport -- lands west of SR 105 • Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109 SC 6.1 Is the wetland one acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is one acre or larger? **YES** = Category II **NO** = go to SC 6.2 SC 6.2 Is the wetland between 0.1 and 1 acre, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and 1 acre? **YES** = Category III	**Cat. II** **Cat. III**
◆	**Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics** *Choose the "highest" rating if wetland falls into several categories, and record on p. 1.* If you answered **NO** for all types enter "Not Applicable" on p. 1	

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WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Site Evaluation Matrix

Property Name: Site W-1 Arboretum Creek **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes)	1
Subtotal	6
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near) near urban road	2
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	0
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin) includes both	1-5 avez. 5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	3
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor)	3
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	5
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain) Some	2
Subtotal	19.5
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	1
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	5
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation) Likely, but unmapped area	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	1
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) Present in some qtys.	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	20
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment) 3 moderate access	3
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	0
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	28
TOTAL	71.5

[a]: P = precipitation; O = overland flow; WT = water table; OB = overbank flows

[b]: Can include overland flow

[c]: Refers to depth of spring hydrology of sufficient duration to meet the hydrology performance standard.

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Property Name: The W-2 **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes)	3
Subtotal	8
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near)	1
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	Ø
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	3
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor) adj. L. wash	3
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	Ø
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	0
Subtotal	12
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment) mostly Enh.	Ø
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b] Lake Washington	10
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) 2< present in qty	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	28
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment)	5
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	Ø
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	30
TOTAL	78

[a]: P = precipitation; O = overland flow; WT = water table; OB = overbank flows

[b]: Can include overland flow

[c]: Refers to depth of spring hydrology of sufficient duration to meet the hydrology performance standard.

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WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Site Evaluation Matrix

Property Name: W4 **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	3
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes) Some same classes, not all	2
Subtotal	5
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near)	2
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	Ø
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	Ø
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor) (1) L Washington	4
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	.1
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	Ø
Subtotal	12
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	3
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	10
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) 2 Common	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	31
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment)	5
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	0
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	30
TOTAL	78

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[b]: Can include overland flow

[c]: Refers to depth of spring hydrology of sufficient duration to meet the hydrology performance standard.

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WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Site Evaluation Matrix

Property Name: WL 6 WSDOT Peninsula - **Date:** July, 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes) provided most	2
Subtotal	7
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near)	1
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	Ø
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	3
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor) (4) Lake WA	4
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	Ø
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	0
Subtotal	13
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	1
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	10
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) 2 common	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	29
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment) 4 relatively easy	4
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	Ø
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	29
TOTAL	78

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[b]: Can include overland flow

[c]: Refers to depth of spring hydrology of sufficient duration to meet the hydrology performance standard.

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WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Site Evaluation Matrix

Property Name: W7 / W8 **Date:** July 2009

	Score W7	Score W8
Physical Setting Criteria		
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes) 2 provides most classes	2	2
Subtotal	7	7
Biological/Watershed Criteria		
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near) 2 major roads nearby	2	2
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	0	0
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	5	5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	3	3
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor) 4	4	4
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	Ø	0
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	0	0
Subtotal	14	14
Site Success/Risk Criteria		
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	Ø	1
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	10	10
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal)	Ø	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	Ø	3
Subtotal	25	31
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria		
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment) 4	4	4
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	Ø	0
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5	5
Subtotal	29	29
TOTAL	75	81

[a]: P = precipitation; O = overland flow; WT = water table; OB = overbank flows

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Property Name: W9 Thornton Creek **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	3
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes)	1
Subtotal	4
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near) major roads nearby	2
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	Ø
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	1
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	Ø
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor)	3
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	6
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	0
Subtotal	12
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	Ø
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	1
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) 3 - common, not dominant	3
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	3
Subtotal	22
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment) 3 - access limited	3
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed) some enh.	2
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	0
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	25
TOTAL	63

[a]: P = precipitation; O = overland flow; WT = water table; OB = overbank flows

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Property Name: W-10 Taylor Creek Headwaters **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes) both	1
Subtotal	6
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near) 2 major Rds. nearby	2
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	Ø
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	1
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections) ?	Ø
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor)	3
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width) limited	10
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain) 1	1
Subtotal	17
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	Ø
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	5
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) 2 - not dom, but common	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	23
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment)	5
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed) some needed	3
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	Ø
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	28
TOTAL	74

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Property Name: w-11 Mapes Creek **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes)	1
Subtotal	6
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near) major rds nearby 2	2
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural)	1
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	0
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor) 4. Lake va.	4
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	3
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	0
Subtotal	14
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	0
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	5
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) not dominant	2
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	23
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment) 3 - moderate access	3
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	0
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	28
TOTAL	71

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WSDOT Wetland Mitigation Site Evaluation Matrix

Property Name: W13 Foster Island **Date:** July 2009

	Score
Physical Setting Criteria	
Proximity to impact area: 0 (on-site), 1 (in WRIA), 3 (in basin), 5 (in sub-basin)	5
Ability to provide same HGM classification as the impacts: 1 (provides different HGM class or fewer classes than impacts), 3 (provides all HGM classes), 5 (provides additional HGM classes)	1
Subtotal	6
Biological/Watershed Criteria	
Proximity to highway or major road: 1 (SR is adjacent) to 5 (rural roads are near)	1
Adjacent land uses: 0 (urban/highly developed), 1 (residential), 3 (rural/agricultural), 5 (undisturbed natural) 3 - Parkland	3
Landscape position (contributing basin size): 1 (headwater), 3 (mid-basin), 5 (lower basin)	5
Connectivity to Cat I or II wetlands: 0 (no connections), 2 (1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 3 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile), 5 (>1 wetland w/in 1/2 mile w/ undisturbed connections)	3 ?
Connectivity to watercourses: 0 (no connections), 1 (site adjacent to seasonal stream or roadside ditch), 3 (site adjacent to perennial stream w/ disturbed corridor), 5 (site adjacent to stream w/ undisturbed corridor)	4
Buffer vegetation present: 0 (herbaceous only), 2 (herbaceous+shrub), 6 (herbaceous/shrub+deciduous tree), 10 (herbaceous/shrub+coniferous tree) - **Buffer Factor** 0.5 (<50' width), 1 (50'+ width)	6
Ability to provide flood storage: 0 (no flood storage available) to 5 (will provide extensive flood storage within 100-yr floodplain)	Ø
Subtotal	22
Site Success/Risk Criteria	
Mitigation type available: 0 (enhancement only), 1 (1:1 creation/re-estabishment+enhancement), 3 (all creation), 5 (all re-establishment)	Ø
Hydrology source[a]: 0 (P), 1 (P+O), 5 (P+WT)c, 10 (P+WT+OB)[b]	10
Soil type suitable to support plant growth: 0-10 (scoring depends on proposed mitigation)	10
Hydric soils present: 0 (no), 1(on <1/2 site), 3 (on>1/2 site), 5 (entire site)	5
Presence of invasive species on adjacent properties/upstream: 0 (dominant) to 5 (minimal) Common	3
Presence of invasive species on-site: 0 (>30%), 1 (11%-30%), 3 (5%-10%), 5 (<5%)	1
Subtotal	29
Site Constructability/Cost Criteria	
Construction access: 1 (difficult access) to 5 (easily accessible by construction equipment)	1
Excavation required to establish appropriate hydrology[c]: 0 (>60"), 1 (49"-60"), 3 (37"-48"), 7 (25"-36"), 10 (13"-24")	10
Level of buffer enhancement required: 0 (high enhancement need) to 5 (no enhancement needed)	5
Buffer area to wetland mitigation area ratio: 0 (>4:1, 1 (4:1), 2 (3:1), 3 (2:1), 4 (1:1), 5 (<1:1)	5
Ability to satisfy mitigation area needs: 0 (does not provide sufficient area), 3 (provides all area), 5 (provides area for additional projects)	Ø
Do existing soils support intended hydrologic source?: 0 (no) or 5 (yes) (sites that require a clay liner score 0)	5
Subtotal	26
TOTAL	83

[a]: P = precipitation; O = overland flow; WT = water table; OB = overbank flows

[b]: Can include overland flow

[c]: Refers to depth of spring hydrology of sufficient duration to meet the hydrology performance standard.

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