

WETLAND DELINEATION AND RATING REPORT MOSURE SUBDIVSION

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Project Site:
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Lacey, Washington

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Project Name:

Mosure Subdivision

Project Site Address:

XXX 56th Ave SE, Lacey, WA

Project Site County / Parcel#:

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agua Tierra Land and Water Services, Inc. (Agua Tierra) completed this Wetland Delineation and Characterization report for the above noted project site. This report is consistent with US Army Corps of Engineers standards for wetland delineation (2010 Regional Supplement), Washington State Department of Ecology wetland rating methodology (2014) and the Thurston County (County) Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) (rev July 2012).

Agua Tierra performed a delineation and rating (characterization) for those portions of wetland within or influencing the project area (closest wetland within 300 lineal feet). Evaluation was limited to wetland/s or portions of wetland/s (and associated buffer/s) with a potential to encumber land use actions within the defined project area.

Proposed Land Use / Project Impacts

Proposed land use actions include:

- · Subdivision of an existing City of Lacey parcel (10 acres) into residential parcels and open space
- Zoning Designation: LD-04, Low-Density Residential

Summary of Wetland Findings

Supporting maps and figures appear as Attachments to this report.

One jurisdictional wetland was found, delineated, and rated to determine buffer width.

- Wetland A is jurisdictional, is isolated and contained completely on site, and occupies a relic glacial kettle feature. Hydrologic support is from rainfall and groundwater and minimal amount of interflow seepage. Vegetative classes are dominated by shrub and forest. Wetland A is geomorphically situated within an ancient glacial outwash plain. Wetland A rating accumulated 18 total points resulting in a Category 3 Rating. Habitat points totaled (6) [M, L, H].
 City of Lacey buffer width conditions for this site include two options:
 - Standard at 110 feet conditionally available if implementing minimum impact measures:
 - a) specific minimum impact measures and,
 - b) contiguous 100-foot-wide habitat (not public) corridor to Southwick Lake wetland, or
 - Enlarged at 150 feet if not implementing minimum impact measures or corridor protection.
- Wetland B is a second jurisdictional wetland associated with shoreline of Southwick Lake and
 adjoins the north end of the subject parcel. Wetland B is located more distant from the proposed
 action area than the delineated Wetland A. Wetland B is more than 300 feet from any proposed
 impact area and at design team's direction was not included in the scope of this report.
 - Note: Wetland B will also have a wetland buffer (width not determined).

In cases of site design hardship, <u>conditional</u> buffer width <u>reconfiguration</u> options may exist. The least complicated (and smaller) modification options are considered "administrative" and managed at agency staff level. Larger reductions may be pursued as needed through additional mitigation <u>and</u> a Reasonable Use Exception (RUE) variance process that involves a quasi-judicial hearing.

Outcomes of the RUE process vary and are not guaranteed. Typically, the RUE process is only a practical choice if site conditions will otherwise not enable basic development options.

2.0 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

2.1 REGULATORY AUTHORITY - WETLANDS

Site development may involve land modifications in or near a wetland and/or associated buffer. Wetlands are protected by local, state, and federal laws.

Wetland buffers are protected at the local government level in Washington State.

2.1.1 CITY OF LACEY ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS CODE (Critical Areas Ordinance)

Lacey Municipal Code (LMC) Sections 16.54.060 and LMC 14.28 detail wetland protection protocols.

Key wetland documentation protocols include the following general guidance:

- Delineation per Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (1987), with 2010 supplement,
- Wetland Rating per Washington Wetland Rating System (Western Washington) (rev. 2014),
- Practitioners meeting training and experience criteria,
- Wetland boundaries must be surveyed on projects involving land subdivisions / Group B permits,

Wetland identification for this project extended to a radius equal to the maximum review authority buffer width (300 feet) from proposed land use impacts.

2.1.2 FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS

Impacts to wetlands (clearing, filling, dredging, grading, excavation, draining, etc) require permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Local government agencies also require permitting for wetland impacts.

2.2 WETLAND BUFFERS

In Washington State, wetland buffers (size and land use within) are the jurisdiction of local government with oversight from WDOE. WDOE maintains a statewide buffer rating system (one for Eastern Washington and another for Western Washington). The rating system is used to score individual wetlands based on the functions and values each provides. Local governments routinely adopt the WDOE wetland rating systems in local ordinance. WDOE refers the actual regulation of land use occurring within wetland buffers (protective areas surrounding jurisdictional wetlands) to local governments. Local government ordinance specifies buffer size (width) based on rating score.

2.2.1 BUFFER WIDTHS

The most recent version of the WDOE rating system was used in this report. Exempt / unregulated wetlands have no buffers.

Key excerpts from LMC Code specific to wetland buffers are provided below. Additional detail is included within the Attachments Section.

Insert 1: LMC 14.28 Table 14T-19. Wetland Buffer Table [i.e., Standard Buffer Widths]

	Buffer Width (in feet) Based on Habitat Score			
Wetland Category and Type	35 (Low)	67 (Medium)	89 (High)	
I: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	150 (buffer width not based on habitat		bitat scores)	
I: Bogs and Wetlands of High Conservation Value	190		225	
I: All Others	75	110	225	
II: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	110 (buffer width not based on habitat scores		bitat scores)	
II: All	75	110	225	
III: All	60	110	225	
IV: All	e de la companya del companya de la companya del companya de la co	40		

Insert 2: LMC 14.28 Table 14T-68. Required measures to minimize impacts to wetlands

Measures are required, where applicable to a specific proposal. If not implemented, wetland buffers as indicated in Table 14T-69 will be used.

Disturbance	Required Measures to Minimize Impacts
Lights	Direct lights away from wetland
Noise	 Locate activity that generates noise away from wetland If warranted, enhance existing buffer with native vegetation plantings adjacent to noise source For activities that generate relatively continuous, potentially disruptive noise, such as certain heavy industry or mining, establish an additional 10' heavily vegetated buffer strip immediately adjacent to the outer wetland buffer
Toxic runoff	 Route all new, untreated runoff away from wetland while ensuring wetland is not dewatered Establish covenants limiting use of pesticides within 150 ft of wetland Apply integrated pest management
Stormwater runoff	 Retrofit stormwater detention and treatment for roads and existing adjacent development Prevent channelized flow from lawns that directly enters the buffer Use Low Intensity Development techniques (per PSAT publication on LID techniques)
Change in water regime	Infiltrate or treat, detain, and disperse into buffer new runoff from impervious surfaces and new lawns

Disturbance	Required Measures to Minimize Impacts			
Pets and human disturbance	 Use privacy fencing OR plant dense vegetation to delineate buffer edge and to discourage disturbance using vegetation appropriate for the ecoregion Place wetland and its buffer in a separate tract or protect with a conservation easement 			
Dust	Use best management practices to control dust			

Insert 3: LMC 14.28 Table 14T-69.

The following wetland buffer requirements if habitat corridor is not provided per subsection (C)(1) of this section or minimization measures per subsection (C)(2)(b) of this section are not implemented:

Wetland Category and Type	78	Habitat Score (if e not met)		
	35 (Low)	67 (Medium)	89 (High)	
I: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	(buffer wid	oitat scores)		
I: Bogs and Wetlands of High Conservation Value	250 100 150		300	
I: All Others			300	
II: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	150 (buffer width not based on habitat scores)			
II: All	100 150		300	
III: AII	80	150	300	
IV: All	50			

(Ord. 1585 §3, 2021; Ord. 1505 §10, 2017; Ord. 1449 §7, 2014; Ord. 1295 §1, 2007; Ord. 1215 §8, 2003; Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.1(a), 1991).

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

Unless otherwise noted, the study area was limited the closest wetland boundary / potential wetland within a radius equal to the <u>maximum buffer width</u> from proposed impact area: <u>300 feet</u>

The Agua Tierra scope of work for this project included:

- (1) Delineate and rate wetland/s,
- (2) Determine presence and approximate area of unregulated wetland/s in the study area, and
- (3) If applicable, document absence of regulated wetland conditions in the study area.

4.0 GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS - Not including wetlands (discussed later) Human Site Modifications

Years prior to current ownership the land was cleared in the north and the south ends. Oak trees were retained as was vegetation on the steep slope areas surrounding the kettle wetland (Wetland A). Clearing was more limited in the NW portion of the site adjoining the Lake Southwick property. A dirt road (some gravel added) was installed to access the north end of the site and has been maintained since.

Topography / Geomorphology

The southern end of the site proposed for home sites is gently sloping. The central site is dominated by steep slopes and kettle feature. The north end of the site is rolling and drops downward to the NW toward

the Lake Southwick depression. Topography was originally formed by a glacial outwash plain. The kettle intercepts water table.

Upland Vegetation

Upland vegetation is dominated by:

- Grassland choked with blackberries and Scotch broom. Brush has been mowed periodically to maintain more open conditions.
- Oregon white oak is well established in the south end. Seedlings are throughout the site.

5.0 DELINEATION METHODS

The vegetation, soils, and hydrology of anticipated wetland areas within the study area were examined according to the Routine Methodology as described in the Washington State Wetlands Identification and Delineation Manual (Washington State Department of Ecology 1997 DOE) which is consistent with the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual. The 2010 USACE Regional Supplements to the delineation manual were employed.

A wetland is considered "jurisdictional" by the US Army Corps of Engineers, when specific soil, vegetation, and hydrologic conditions are present.

5.1 FIELD MARKING

Two types of flagging were used to mark the site.

- <u>Pink flagging</u> (with or without text "Wetland") indicates outer edge of the wetland. Alphanumeric numbering indicates unique flag locations; and
- Blue flagging (and/or blue and white striped flagging) indicates data plot (DP) locations.

Delineated wetland edges were marked at natural topographic and line of sight inflection points.

5.2 FIELD DATA

Field data sheets were completed at representative locations. (Attachments: Field Data Sheets). Soil characteristics, hydrologic indicators, and dominant plant species were noted at each of the data plots.

Recorded and unrecorded soil test pits were dug throughout the site to check for presence/absence of wetland soils. Soil pits were dug to approximately 16-18 inches and examined for hydric soil indicators in the upper 12 inches. Soil examination included: organic soils, histic epipedons, sulfidic material, aquic or preaquic moisture regimes, reducing soil conditions, gleyed soils, and mottled and/or low chroma soils.

Site hydrology was evaluated by primary and secondary means including surface and groundwater levels, soil saturation, sediment deposits, oxidized rhizospheres, water-stained leaves, drainage patterns, and inundation.

Vegetation within data plots was determined to be hydrophytic (adapted to anaerobic conditions) when more than 50% of the dominant plant species had an indicator status of facultative (FAC), facultative wetland (FACW), or obligate wetland (OBL). Dominant plant species were determined separately in vine, herb, shrub and tree strata.

5.3 MAPPING

Field work was performed 28 September 2021. A delineation sketch map is included in Attachments.

6.0 WETLAND DELINEATION RESULTS

Hydrogeomorphic Wetland Condition/s

One wetland unit (*Wetland A*) was found on site and extends off site north and south. *Wetland A* is dominated by depressional characteristics and has a prevailing drainage direction from north to south with an ultimate outlet under Spurgeon Creek Road. Hydrologic support for the unit includes seasonal high-water table, rainfall, and valley wall runoff.

6.1 WETLAND RATINGS

Wetland rating used the current Washington State Department of Ecology Rating System (Attachments).

WETLAND SUMMARY DATA						
Wetland ID (A,B,)	On-Site Wetland Area ¹ (Ft ²) or (Ac)	Size Category ² < 1,000 SF < 5,000 SF <0.5 acres < 1 acre < 5 acres < 10 acres > 10 acres	HGM Category ³	Total Points & Category ³	Habitat Points / Stndrd Buffer Size (ft) / Mitigated Buffer Size (ft)	
Α	53,000	53,000 SF	Depressional	18/3	6/110/150	

- (1) On-site defined as: On subject parcel/s. This is an estimate.
- (2) Includes estimate of off-parcel area; required for determination of regulatory status.
- (3) Based on Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington (Hruby, 2014)
- (4) Based on Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States (Cowardin, 1979)

6.2 WETLAND VEGETATION

The site was inspected for presence of wetland vegetation. Results appear in the following table.

	WETLAND VEGETATION CHARACTERISTICS					
Wetland ID (A,B,)	Plant Community	Dominant Species	Wetland Vegetation Criteria Met (Yes / No)			
Α	Forested Shrub	Alnus rubra, Salix sitchensis, Thuja plicata, Spirea douglasii, Fraxinus latifolia, Populus trichocarpa	Yes			

6.3 WETLAND SOILS

Soils for the study area are mapped on the website: websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov and reported as:

(A, B)		Unit (Y / N)	(Y/N)
A&N	Mukilteo Muck	Y	Υ
If deviating	g from mapped soil unit/s f	or this site, actual soils observed	are noted below.

6.4 WETLAND HYDROLOGY

The site was inspected for evidence of wetland hydrology. The following conditions were observed:

- Seasonally saturated soils indicators
- Seasonally inundated soil indicators

7.0 WETLAND DELINEATION & RATING CONCLUSION

One regulated wetland was found, delineated / evaluated.

No non-jurisdictional isolated wetland/s less than 1000 SQFT were found. Results for the jurisdictional wetlands included:

WETLAND/S A

•	Total Rating Points:	18
•	Wetland Category:	3
•	Habitat rating points:	6
	Wetland Buffer Width (meeting code conditions):	110 feet
•	Wetland Buffer Width (NOT meeting code conditions):	150 feet

8.0 ANTICIPATED NEXT STEPS

Anticipated additional environmental review steps include items below marked with (*):

(*) Indicates Anticipated	POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TASKS
*	Update / prepare site plan to reflect wetland and buffer project impact areas
*	Submit wetland report for agency approval of findings.
*	If a <i>Critical Area or Master application</i> has not been submitted, one will be required. Review authority may require hard copy/ies and electronic of the wetland report, with the application.
*	Discuss any applicable buffer relief code (Intensification, Interruption, etc.) with agency
*	A Land Survey is required for some projects (subdivisions, easements, wetland impacts)
	If applicable, agency review & approval of <i>conceptual</i> mitigation plan is recommended prior to investing extensive effort on a draft or final mitigation plan.
	If applicable, address agency comments concerning conceptual mitigation strategy.
	If applicable, prepare mitigation design, specifications, maintenance, monitoring, bond
	If wetlands are to be impacted, coordination / review / approval by US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and WA State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required
	Reasonable Use Exception (RUE) variance is required for all wetland impacts and, typically, for any buffer impacts located within the inner 75% of the standard width.
	If applicable, manage other environmental permitting: Shoreline, HMP, HPA, 404,etc
*	If applicable, SEPA Review

9.0 LIMITATIONS

This report was prepared for the use of the client, its affiliates, lenders and assigns, their consultants, and various agencies. It should be recognized that delineation of wetland boundaries is an inexact science and different individuals, and agencies may disagree on exact boundaries. Any results and conclusions within this report represent our professional judgment based on the most recent information provided from publications, maps, aerial photos, and field investigations as defined within the scope of services.

Final determination and acceptance of jurisdiction and concurrence with the wetland boundaries as delineated is the responsibility of the various resource agencies that regulate development in and around wetlands. The client understands that regulatory ordinances are living documents, subject to an ongoing state of change / revision. Agua Tierra makes a reasonable effort to stay abreast of ordinance revisions and relies on local government notification process of such changes. This report and the delineated wetland boundaries will be reviewed by the appropriate agencies prior to any detailed site planning or construction activities.

10.0 AGUA TIERRA QUALIFICATIONS (Standard Disclosure)

In addition to accredited academic training in related natural resource management topics, Agua Tierra staff have the following minimum training:

- Wetland Delineation;
- Using the Revised (2006, 2008) Wetland Rating System in Western WA;
- Using the Revised (2014) Wetland Rating System in Western WA;
- Coastal Training Program Protecting and Managing Wetlands Using the Best Available Science;
- Ordinary High Water Mark Determination;
- Wetland Mitigation, Construction & Installation;
- Advanced Biological Assessment Preparation;
- Reviewing Wetland Mitigation and Monitoring Plans;
- Advanced Wetland Training: Hydric Soils Identification
- Understanding SEPA; and
- Grass, Sedge, and Rush Identification for Western WA Puget Lowland Habitats.

Agua Tierra staff meet / exceed required training & experience for this scope of work.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. Please contact us with any questions.

Agua Tierra is a design – build firm providing a full range of services for drainage, erosion control, and environmental projects. We would be pleased to assist you with future phases of this project.

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENTS

FIGURE / ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCLUDED (X)
WETLAND MAPS and RATING FIGURES	Х
WETLAND DELINEATION DATA SHEETS	X
WETLAND RATING DATA SHEETS	Х



ATTACHMENT 1: WETLAND DELINEATION & RATING MAPS AND FIGURES

PROJECT CLIENT:

MOSURE FAMILY SUBDIVISION - City of Lacey

SITE ADDRESS/ES (IF ANY):

Frontage on

SITE COUNTY / PARCEL NUMBER/S:

THURSTON / 118 343 200 00

WETLAND A:

DEPRESSIONAL UNIT IN RELIC GLACIAL OUTWASH KETTLE HOLE



FIGURE 1.0:

VICINITY MAP (WITH WATERSHEDS)---- COUNTY GEODATA (Site shown by red dot)

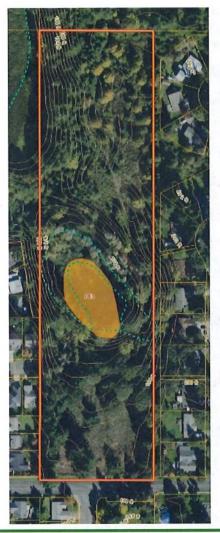


FIGURE 1.1: SURROUNDING AREA / NIEGHBORHOOD PARCEL MAP.

Public GIS Layers Include (where shown): 2019 air photo / Topography / Wetland blue dash line / County Hydric Soils GIS layers of limited accuracy and do not substitute for field verification.



FIGURE 1.2:

PARCEL MAP

Source: County GIS. Note: layers / boundaries may not be accurately rectified.

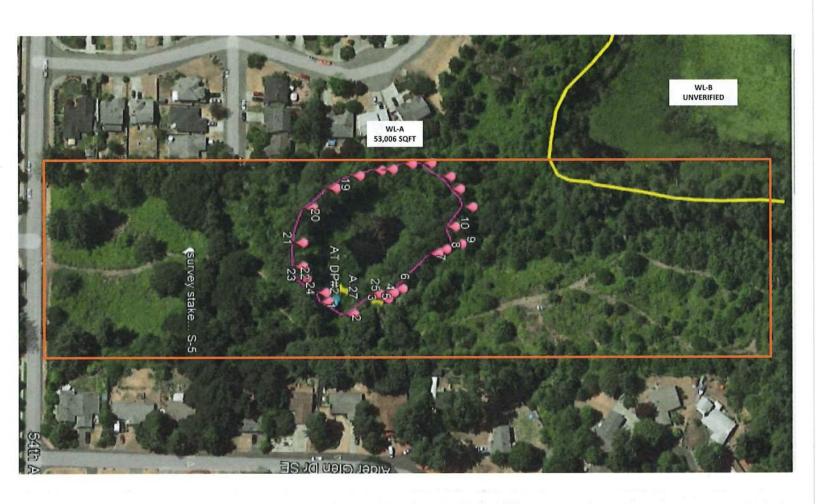


FIGURE 2.0:

WETLAND DELINEATION MAP

WL-A#: Wetland Flag# Estimated WL: <u>YELLOW</u> Non-Jurisdictional WL: Yellow (NJ) WL Unit Break/: Red/White Striped WL Outlet: Blue Arrow; Blue Dashed Outline: Est Impact Area (DP #): Data Plot#: Blue Triangle / Pin Stream: Blue Solid or Dashed Line Dashed Turquoise: Geodata WL estimate

Flagged WL Edge: Red or Fusica Line; Drainage Ditch: Orange Arrows / Lines.



FIGURE 3.0 - COWARDIN PLANT CLASSES (Canopy may obscure Cowardian zones)

(D 1.3) Persistent, ungrazed OR unmowed plants: > 90% area > 50 %; > 25 %; < 10 %

(H 1.1) Number for Cowardin Classes (1/4 ac or 10% if unit < 2.5 ac): TWO (emergent area too small)...... FOREST EMERGENT SHRUB AQUATIC BED

(Forested <u>Trees>30% canopy cover w/in forested unit)</u>

• Within Forested Unit: 3 out of 5 Classes Present each covering > 20%): Y / N (Canopy, Sub-Canopy, Shrubs, Herbaceous, Moss / Ground cover).

(H 1.4) Habitat Interspersion: LOW MED HIGH



FIGURE 4 - HYDROPERIODS [Note: Zone boundaries may be obscured by vegetation. Feature areas exceed rating thresholds indicated]

(D 1.4) Area seasonal ponding / inundation (2 months min):

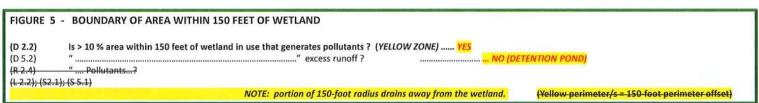
> 50% total wetland;

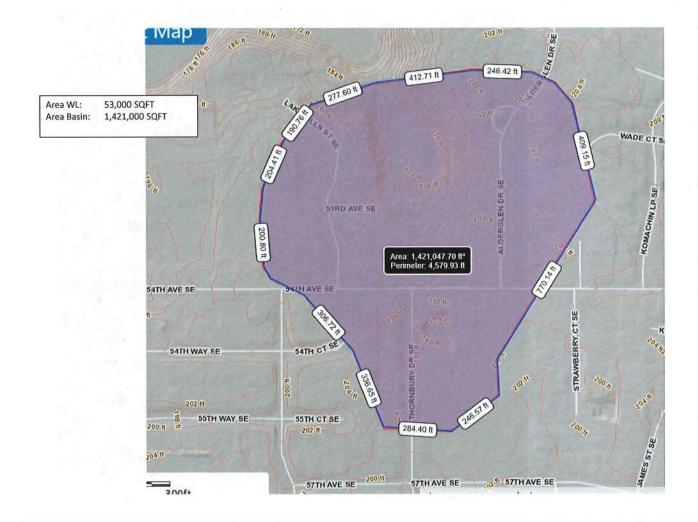
> 25 %;

(H 1.2) Types water regime (> 10% or 0.25 Acre of wetland): TWO
Perm flood / inundate; Seas flood/inundate; Occ flood/inundate; Saturated only
Perm Flow Drng; Seas Drng;

Blue Arrow(if any) flow direction.





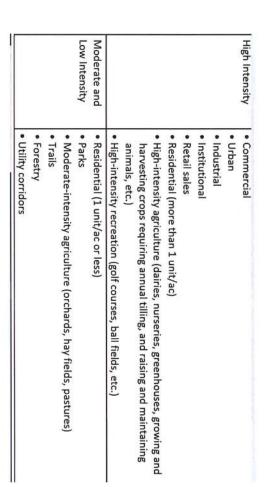


FIGURE

6:

MAP OF CONTRIBUTING BASIN

General Note: This figure / rating criteria not applicable to sloped wetland units.



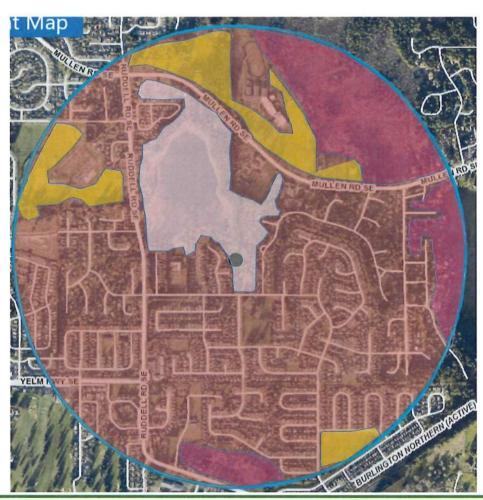


FIGURE 7:

LAND USE INTENSITY ONE KILOMETER RADIUS SURROUNDING WETLAND

(Yellow cross-hairs (if any) used as measurement guide

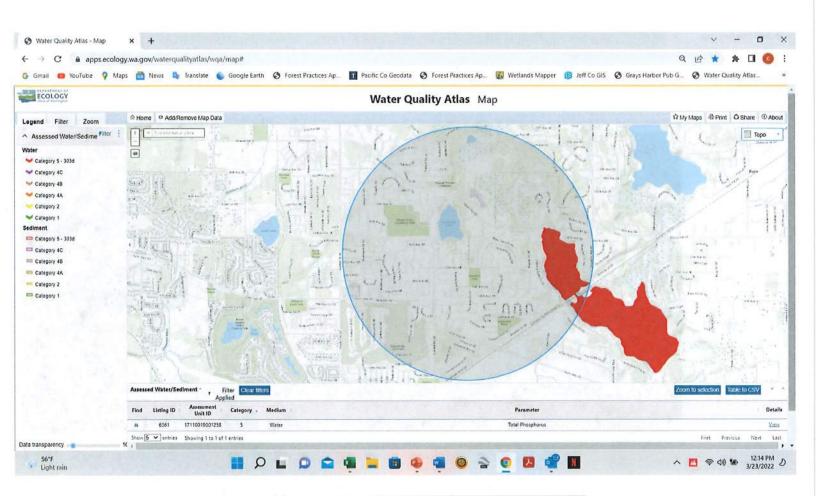
Subject Wetland/s: Accessible Low/Moderate Intensity: Accessible Relatively Undisturbed: Black = TRACE

Blue = 0

White = 9

Non-accessible Low/Mod Intensity: Non-accessible *Rel Undisturbed*: High Intensity *No Color Shading* or Yellow = 11
Fuscia = 14
Light Red Hue = 66

[Base Map: WDOE WQ Atlas / Public GIS / Google Earth]



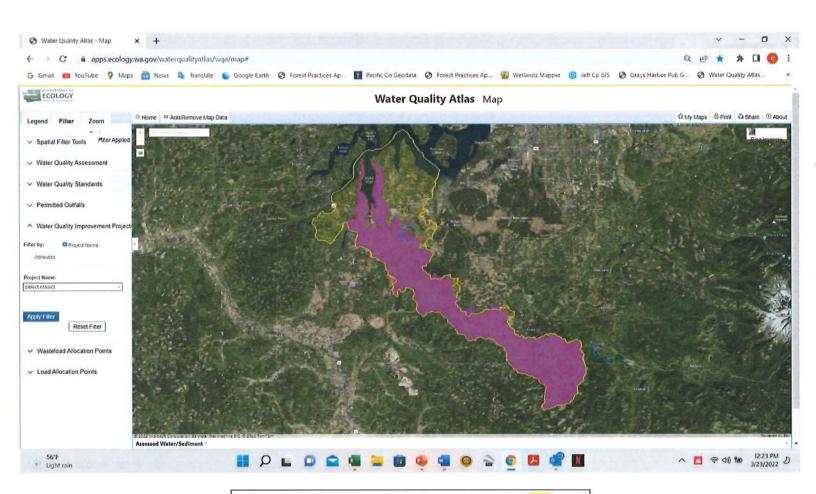
303 D WATERS WITHIN ONE MILE RADIUS:

NO

FIGURE 8: 303-D WATERS DIRECTLY DOWNSTREAM (1 MILE) OF WETLAND

· Mapping Source/s:

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/waterqualityatlas/map.aspx and https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/approvedwqa/ApprovedSearch.aspx



TMDLS DOWNSTREAM WITHIN WRIA:

YES

FIGURE 9: LIST OF TMDLS FOR WRIA WHERE SITE IS LOCATED (WDOE web site)

- ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Total-Maximum-Daily-Load-process/Directory-of-improvement-projects
- waecy.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?layers=016d27df46004d138cdda3 2259787400



National Wetlands Inventory Map

Site NOT Accurately
Mapped but is included
in mapping



DNR Wetlands of High Conservation Value LOCATION CLOSER THAN 330 FEET (100 METERS) FROM SITE ? YES / NO

FIGURE 10:

NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY (NWI) MAP (USFWS data base) & WA DNR NATURAL HERITAGE SITES IN AREA

https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html & http://wadnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html

Site = Red Dot



Buffer radius: 330 Feet Report Date: 03/23/2022

PHS Species/Habitats Overview:

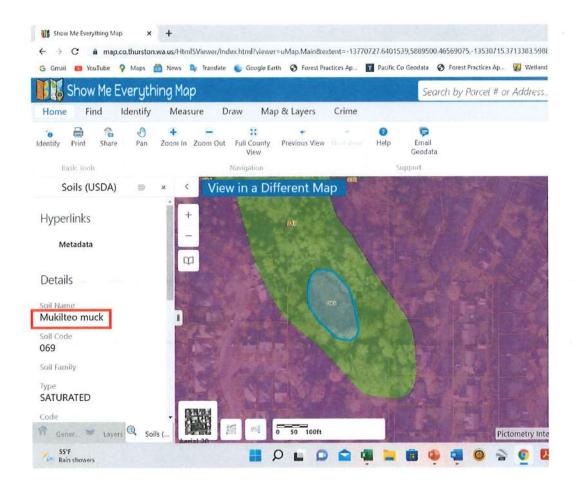
Occurence Name	Federal Status	State Status	Sensitive Location
Wood duck	N/A	N/A	No
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	N/A	N/A	No
Big brown bat	N/A	N/A	Yes
Little Brown Bat	N/A	N/A	Yes
Yuma myotis	N/A	N/A	Yes

PHS Recorded <u>Species</u> in Project Area (within 330 feet) with State or Federal protection status.

FIGURE 11: PRIORITY HABITAT AND SPECIES (STATE AND FEDERAL DATA)

http://apps.wdfw.wa.gov/phsontheweb/

Site = Red Mark





ATTACHMENT 2:

WETLAND RATING FORM/S

RATING SUMMARY – Western Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #):	SOUTHWICK LAKE AREA KETT	CK LAKE AREA KETTLE UNIT		NOV 5 2021	
Rated by FROMUTH	Trained by E	Ecology? ☑ Yes □ No	Date of training	2013-14	
HGM Class used for rating	Depressional & Flats	Wetland has multipl	e HGM classes? □	Yes ☑ No	
	ot complete with out the figures i		,		
Source	of base aerial photo/map THURST	ON GIS & GOOGLE N	1APS		
OVERALL WETLAND CA	ATEGORYIII(based or	n functions	al characteristics 🗆)	
1. Category of wetland	d based on FUNCTIONS	_			
	Category I - Total score = 23 - 27		Score for each		
***************************************	Category II - Total score = 20 - 2	2	function based		
X	Category III - Total score = 16 - 1	19	on three		
P	Category IV - Total score = 9 - 15	1	ratings		

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
	List app	propriate rating	(H, M, L)	
Site Potential	Н	М	М	
Landscape Potential	L	M	L	
Value	Н	L	Н	Total
Score Based on Ratings	7	5	6	18

Score for each
function based
on three
ratings
(order of ratings
is not
important)
9 = H, H, H
8 = H, H, M
7 = H, H, L
7 = H, M, M
6 = H, M, L
6 = M, M, M
5 = H, L, L
5 = M, M, L
4 = M, L, L
3 = L, L, L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	Category
Estuarine	
Wetland of High Conservation Value	
Bog	
Mature Forest	
Old Growth Forest	
Coastal Lagoon	
Interdunal	
None of the above	х

Maps and Figures required to answer questions correctly for Western Washington

Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.4	3
Hydroperiods	D 1.4, H 1.2	4
Location of outlet (can be added to map of hydroperiods)	D 1.1, D 4.1	4
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (can be added to another figure)	D 2.2, D 5.2	5
Map of the contributing basin	D 4.3, D 5.3	6
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	7
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	D 3.1, D 3.2	8 & 9
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which unit is found (from web)	D 3.3	10

Riverine Wetlands

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

Lake Fringe Wetlands

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

Slope Wetlands

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

HGM Classification of Wetland in Western Washington

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

. Are the water levels in the entire unit usually controlled by tides except during floods?				
V	NO - go to 2	☐ YES - the wetla	and class is Tidal Fringe - go to 1.1	
1.1	Is the salinity of the water during pe	riods of annual low f	flow below 0.5 ppt (parts per thousand)?	
		a Freshwater Tidal Estuarine wetland	☐ YES - Freshwater Tidal Fringe Fringe use the forms for Riverine wetlands. and is not scored. This method cannot be	
	ntire wetland unit is flat and precipitat rater and surface water runoff are NO			
Ø	NO - go to 3 If your wetland can be classified as	a Flats wetland, use	☐ YES - The wetland class is Flats e the form for Depressional wetlands.	
	the entire wetland unit meet all of the The vegetated part of the wetland is plants on the surface at any time of At least 30% of the open water area	s on the shores of a the year) at least 20		
V	NO - go to 4	□ YES - The wetl	and class is Lak e Fring e (Lacustrine Fringe)	
	the entire wetland unit meet all of the The wetland is on a slope (slope ca The water flows through the wetland It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow The water leaves the wetland witho	<i>n be very gradual</i>), d in one direction (un w, or in a swale with		
V	NO - go to 5		☐ YES - The wetland class is Slope	
	Surface water does not pond in these ons or behind hummocks (depressio		cept occasionally in very small and shallow diameter and less than 1 ft deep).	
V	the entire wetland unit meet all of the The unit is in a valley, or stream cha from that stream or river, The overbank flooding occurs at lea	annel, where it gets	•	
V	NO - go to 6		☐ YES - The wetland class is Riverin e	
NOTE: T	he Riverine unit can contain depress	sions that are filled v	vith water when the river is not flooding.	

6. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, a some time during the year? This means that any outlet, if present, is higher than the interior of the wetland.		
□ NO - go to 7	☑ YES - The wetland class is Depressional	
7. Is the entire wetland unit located in a very flat area with no obvious depression and no overbank flooding? The unit does not pond surface water more than a few inches. The unit seems to be maintained by high groundwater in the area. The wetland may be ditched, but has no obvious natural outlet.		
□ NO - go to 8	☐ YES - The wetland class is Depressional	

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

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

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

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

NOTES and FIELD OBSERVATIONS:

DEPRESSIONAL AND FLATS WETLANDS			
Hydrologic Functions - Indicators that the site functions to reduce flooding and stream degree	adation		
D 4.0. Does the site have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?			
D 4.1. Characteristics of surface water outflows from the wetland: Wetland is a depression or flat depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) points = 4			
Wetland has an intermittently flowing stream or ditch, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 2	4		
Wetland is a flat depression (QUESTION 7 on key), whose outlet is a permanently flowing ditch points = 1 Wetland has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet			
that is permanently flowing points = 0			
D 4.2. Depth of storage during wet periods: Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of			
the outlet. For wetlands with no outlet, measure from the surface of permanent water or if dry,			
the deepest part.			
Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7	7		
Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5	7		
 ☑ Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3 ☐ The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3 			
☐ The wetland is a "headwater" wetland points = 3 Wetland is flat but has small depressions on the surface that trap water points = 1			
Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft (6 in)			
D 4.3. Contribution of the wetland to storage in the watershed: Estimate the ratio of the area of			
upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.			
☐ The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit points = 5	_		
The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit points = 3	0		
The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit points = 0			
☐ Entire wetland is in the Flats class points = 5			
Total for D 4 Add the points in the boxes above	11		
Rating of Site Potential If score is: \square 12 - 16 = H \square 6 - 11 = M \square 0 - 5 = L Record the rating on	the first page		
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Rating of Value If score is: ☐ 2 - 4 = H ☐ 1 = M
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Rating Form - Effective January 1, 2015 ☑ 0=L

Record the rating on the first page

Add the points in the boxes above

Total for D 6

HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat

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

- H 1.1. Structure of plant community: Indicators are Cowardin classes and strata within the Forested class. Check the Cowardin plant classes in the wetland. Up to 10 patches may be combined for each class to meet the threshold of 1/4 ac or more than 10% of the unit if it is smaller than 2.5 ac. Add the number of structures checked.
 - □ Aquatic bed

4 structures or more: points = 4

□ Emergent

- 3 structures: points = 2
- ☑ Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have > 30% cover)
- 2 structures: points 1
- ☑ Forested (areas where trees have > 30% cover)
- 1 structure: points = 0

If the unit has a Forested class, check if:

- ☐ The Forested class has 3 out of 5 strata (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground-cover) that each cover 20% within the Forested polygon
- H 1.2. Hydroperiods

Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) present within the wetland. The water regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or 1/4 ac to count (see text for descriptions of hydroperiods).

- □ Permanently flooded or inundated
- 4 or more types present: points = 3
- ☑ Seasonally flooded or inundated

3 types present: points = 2

□ Occasionally flooded or inundated

2 types present: points = 1

Saturated only

- 1 types 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

H 1.3. Richness of plant species

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

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

1

- If you counted:
- > 19 species

points = 2

5 - 19 species

points = 1

< 5 species

points = 0

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats

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









None = 0 points

Low = 1 point

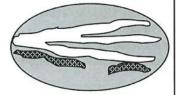
Moderate = 2 points

2

All three diagrams in this row are HIGH = 3 points







Wetland name or numberA_	SOUTHWICK LAKE AREA - KETTLE U	JNIT	
H 1.5. Special habitat features:			
	esent in the wetland. <i>The number</i> of che	cks is the number	
of points.			
	is within the wetland (> 4 in diameter and	d 6 ft long)	
☑ Standing snags (dbh > 4 in)			
	t for at least 6.6 ft (2 m) and/or overhang		1
at least 3.3 ft (1 m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the wetland, for at			1
least 33 ft (10 m)			3
	naterial that might be used by beaver or		
<u> </u>) OR signs of recent beaver activity are p	present (cut shrubs	
	eathered where wood is exposed)		
	ed persistent plants or woody branches a		
	sonally inundated (<i>structures for</i> e <i>gg-lay</i>		
	nan 25% of the wetland area in every stra	atum of plants (see	l
H 1.1 for list of strata)			
Total for H 1		in the boxes above	8
Rating of Site Potential $$ If Score is: $$	15 - 18 = H ☑ 7 - 14 = M □ 0 - 6 = L	Record the rating on t	he first page
	potential to support the habitat function of		
` `	habitat that directly abuts wetland unit).		
Calculate:			
9 % undisturbed habitat + (0 % moderate & low intensity lar	ıd uses / 2) = 9%	
If total accessible habitat is			0
$> \frac{1}{3}$ (33.3%) of 1 km Polyg	on	points = 3	
20 - 33% of 1 km Polygon		points = 2	
10 - 19% of 1 km Polygon		points = 1	
< 10 % of 1 km Polygon		points = 0	
H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Po	blygon around the wetland.		
Calculate:			
23 % undisturbed habitat + (11 % moderate & low intensity lar	id uses / 2) = 28.5%	
			1
Undisturbed habitat > 50%	of Polygon	points = 3	'
Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50	% and in 1-3 patches	points = 2	
Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50	% and > 3 patches	points = 1	
Undisturbed habitat < 10%	of 1 km Polygon	points = 0	
H 2.3 Land use intensity in 1 km Poly	gon: If		
> 50% of 1 km Polygon is h	igh intensity land use	points = (-2)	-2
≤ 50% of 1km Polygon is hi	gh intensity	points = 0	
Total for H 2	Add the points	in the boxes above	-1
Rating of Landscape Potential If Score	eis: ☐ 4-6=H ☐ 1-3=M ☑ <1=L	Record the rating on t	he first page
H 3.0. Is the habitat provided by the s			
H 3.1. Does the site provide habitat for	or species valued in laws, regulations, or	policies? Choose	
only the highest score that applies to	the wetland being rated.		
Site meets ANY of the follow	wing criteria:	points = 2	
-	riority habitats within 100 m (see next pa		
	for Threatened or Endangered species ((any plant	
	tate or federal lists)		
	location for an individual WDFW priority	•	2
	High Conservation Value as determined	by the	4
Department of Na	tural Resources		
□ It has been categ	orized as an important habitat site in a lo	cal or	ŧ
= -	ensive plan, in a Shoreline Master Plan, o	or in a	
watershed plan			
Site has 1 or 2 priority habit	ats (listed on next page) with in 100m	points = 1	
Site does not meet any of the	ne criteria above	points = 0	

Site does not meet any of the criteria above

Rating of Value If Score is: ☑ 2 = H □ 1 = M □ 0 = L

points = 0|

Record the rating on the first page

WDFW Priority Habitats

<u>Priority habitats listed by WDFW</u> (see complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Priority Habitat and Species List. Olympia, Washington. 177 pp.

http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00165/wdfw00165.pdf or access the list from here: http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/

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

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

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

SOUTHWICK LAKE AREA - KETTLE UNIT CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

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

The second secon	name or number	A SOUTHWICK LAKE AREA - KETTLE UNIT		
SC 4.0.	Forested Wetl	lands		
	Does the wet	tland have at least <u>1 contiguous acre</u> of forest that meets one of these		
~	criteria for the	e WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's forests as priority habitats? <i>If you</i>		
	answer YES	you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.		
	Old-growth f	forests (west of Cascade crest): Stands of at least two tree species,		
		ulti-layered canopy with occasional small openings; with at least 8 trees/ac		
		that are at least 200 years of age OR have a diameter at breast height		
		n (81 cm) or more.	1	
		sts (west of the Cascade Crest): Stands where the largest trees are 80-		
_		d OR the species that make up the canopy have an average diameter		
	•	ling 21 in (53 cm).		
	(4.21.)	3 - · · · (· · · · · · ·)		
		☐ Yes = Category I ☑ No = Not a forested wetland for this section		
SC 5.0.	Wetlands in C	Coastal Lagoons		
		tland meet all of the following criteria of a wetland in a coastal lagoon?		
		lies in a depression adjacent to marine waters that is wholly or partially		
		om marine waters by sandbanks, gravel banks, shingle, or, less frequently,		
	rocks	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	The lagoon in	n which the wetland is located contains ponded water that is saline or		
		0.5 ppt) during most of the year in at least a portion of the lagoon (<i>needs to</i>		
		d near the bottom)	ĺ	
		☐ Yes - Go to SC 5.1 ☑ No = Not a wetland in a coastal lagoon		
SC 5 1		and meet all of the following three conditions?		
		is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation,		
		thas less than 20% cover of aggressive, opportunistic plant species (see		
	list of species			
		the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-		
		-mowed grassland.		
	•	is larger than $^{1}/_{10}$ ac (4350 ft ²)		
	The welland	* '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '-		
0000		☐ Yes = Category I ☐ No = Category II		
SC 6.0.	. Interdunal We			
		d west of the 1889 line (also called the Western Boundary of Upland		
	•	r WBUO)? If you answer yes you will still need to rate the wetland	1	
		s habitat functions.		
_	•	erms that means the following geographic areas:		
l	-	Peninsula: Lands west of SR 103		
	•	estport: Lands west of SR 105		
	Ocean Shore	es-Copalis: Lands west of SR 115 and SR 109		
		☐ Yes - Go to SC 6.1 ☐ No = Not an interdunal wetland for rating		
SC 6.1.		d 1 ac or larger and scores an 8 or 9 for the habitat functions on the form		
	(rates H,H,H	or H,H,M for the three aspects of function)?		
		☐ Yes = Category I ☐ No - Go to SC 6.2		
SC 6.2.	. Is the wetland	d 1 ac or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 ac or larger?		
		☐ Yes = Category II ☐ No - Go to SC 6.3		
SC 6.3. Is the unit between 0.1 and 1 ac, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is between 0.1 and				
	1 ac?			
		☐ Yes = Category III ☑ No = Category IV		
	-	based on Special Characteristics		
If you a	inswered No for	r all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form		



ATTACHMENT 3:

WETLAND DELINEATION DATA PITS

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

Project/Site: Tax Pa	rcel#: 118343	20000 on 54th Av	ve SE, Lacey	City/Cou	nty: Thurstor	ו	Sampling D)ate: <u>5 nov</u>	v 2021
Applicant/Owner:	PATRICIA M	MOSURE				State:	Sampling P	oint: DP#	1 Wet
Investigator(s): C. F	romuth			Section, T	Township, Rai	nge:			
Landform (hillside, t	errace, etc.): _i	isolated depressi	onal	Local relief (c	oncave, conv	ex, none): concave	9	Slope (%):	0
Subregion (LRR):	LRR A	Lat:			Long:		Da	tum:	
Soil Map Unit Name	· ·						assification: PSS	& PF	
Are climatic / hydrol	·		cal for this time o	of year?	Yes X				
Are Vegetation	_								
Are Vegetation								-	_
SUMMARY OF								features	, etc.
Hydrophytic Veget	ation Present?	Yes X	No	ls the	e Sampled A	rea			
Hydric Soil Presen		Yes X	No		n a Wetland		X No	_	
Wetland Hydrology	/ Present?	Yes X	No					-	
Remarks:									
VEGETATION -	- Use scier	ntific names o	of plants.			<u> </u>			
T 01-1	(D) - 1 - 1		Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	D			
Tree Stratum	(Plot size:)	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test			
Malus fusca Cornus alba				. Yes No	FACW FACW	Number of Domin Are OBL, FACW,	•	1	(A)
3. Salix lasiandra			20	No No	FACW				- (^)
4.					17.077	Total Number of Darces Across All Strata:	ominant Species	1	(B)
			120	=Total Cover		Percent of Domini	ant Species That		-`′
Sapling/Shrub Stra	atum (P	lot size:		•		Are OBL, FACW,	•	100.0%	(A/B)
1									_
2.						Prevalence Index	worksheet:		
_						Total % Cov	er of: M	fultiply by:	
4.						OBL species	0 x 1 =	******	_
5						FACW species	120 x 2 =	***************************************	_
	(5)	,		=Total Cover		FAC species	0 x3=	******	_
Herb Stratum	(Plot size:)				FACU species	0 x 4 = 0 x 5 =		-
1. 2.				· ——		UPL species Column Totals:		240	- (В)
3.				· ——		Prevalence Inc	` ′	2.00	- ^(D)
3 4.			1			i revalence inc		2.00	
5.				. ——		Hydrophytic Veg	etation Indicator	rs:	
6.							t for Hydrophytic		
7.						X 2 - Dominanc	e Test is >50%		
8.						X 3 - Prevalence	e Index is ≤3.0 ¹		
9.							ical Adaptations¹(
10.						data in Rer	narks or on a sep	arate sheet))
11							lon-Vacular Plant		
				=Total Cover		Problematic H	lydrophytic Veget	ation¹ (Expla	ain)
Woody Vine Stratu		lot size:				¹ Indicators of hydr			must
1.		***************************************		• ——		be present, unless	s disturbed or proi	Diematic.	
2.			******	=Total Cover		Hydrophytic			
% Bare Ground in	Herb Stratum			, 0.00 00001		Vegetation Present?	Yes X No	·	
Remarks:				A					

SOIL Sampling Point: DP#1 Wet Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) Redox Features Depth (inches) Color (moist) % Color (moist) % Type 100 SANDY LOAM 0-8 10yr 3/1 8-14 10yr 3/1 80 10YR 5/2 ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. ¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.) Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³: Histosol (A1) Sandy Redox (S5) 2 cm Muck (A10) Histic Epipedon (A2) Stripped Matrix (S6) Red Parent Material (F21) Black Histic (A3) Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (except MLRA 1) Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) Other (Explain in Remarks) Depleted Matrix (F3) Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) X Redox Dark Surface (F6) Thick Dark Surface (A12) ³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) Depleted Dark Surface (F7) 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G) Redox Depressions (F8) wetland hydrology must be present, Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) unless disturbed or problematic. Restrictive Layer (if observed): Type: Depth (inches): **Hydric Soil Present?** Yes No Remarks: This data form is revised from Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 8.0, 2016. **HYDROLOGY** Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply) Secondary Indicators (2 or more required) Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (MLRA 1, 2 Surface Water (A1) X Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (except High Water Table (A2) MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B) 4A, and 4B) X Saturation (A3) Salt Crust (B11) Drainage Patterns (B10) X Water Marks (B1) Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) Dry-Season Water Table (C2) Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) Sediment Deposits (B2) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) X Drift Deposits (B3) Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) Geomorphic Position (D2) Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) Shallow Aguitard (D3) Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) Iron Deposits (B5) X FAC-Neutral Test (D5) Surface Soil Cracks (B6) Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (LRR A) Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (LRR A) Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain in Remarks) X Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) Field Observations:

Depth (inches):

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(includes capillary fringe)

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

US Army Corps of Engineers

Surface Water Present?

Yes

Yes

Water Table Present?

Saturation Present?

Remarks:

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X

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

Project/Site: Tax Parcel#: 11834320000 on 54th Ave	SE, Lacey	City/Cour	nty: Thurstor	1	Sampling Date:	5 nov 202	21
Applicant/Owner: PATRICIA MOSURE				State:	Sampling Point:	DP#2 UI	Р
Investigator(s): C. Fromuth		Section, T	ownship, Rar	nge:			
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): isolated depression	nal	Local relief (co	oncave, conve	ex, none): concave	Slop	oe (%):0)
Subregion (LRR): LRR A Lat:	_		Long:		Datum:		
Soil Map Unit Name: INDIANOLA LOAMY SAND					ication: PSS & PF		
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical	I for this time o	of year?	Yes X	No (If no, exp	lain in Remarks.)		
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology						o X	
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology				plain any answers in Rer			
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site r						tures, et	c.
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Hydric Soil Present? Yes	No X	withi	n a Wetland?	? Yes	No X		
	No X						_
Remarks: LOGGING IMPACTS HAVE COMPACTED SOILS		LANDSCAPE	AND IMPOU	JNDED WATER			
VEGETATION – Use scientific names of	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator				
Tree Stratum (Plot size:)	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test wor	ksheet:		
1. Malus fusca	80	Yes	FACW	Number of Dominant S	Species That		
2. Corylus cornuta	10	No	_FACU_	Are OBL, FACW, or F	AC:	1(A))
3. Prunus emarginata	10	No	FACU_	Total Number of Domi	nant Species		
4		-Total Cover		Across All Strata:		1 (B))
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:		=Total Cover		Percent of Dominant S Are OBL, FACW, or F		00.0% (A/	/B)
2.				Prevalence Index wo	rksheet:		\neg
3.				Total % Cover of		y by:	
4.				OBL species 0		0	
5.				FACW species 8	0 x 2 =	160	
	·	=Total Cover		FAC species	x 3 =	0	
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)				FACU species2		80	
1		<u> </u>		UPL species		0 (5)	
2				Column Totals: 10 Prevalence Index		240 (B))
3				Frevalence index	- D/A		
5.				Hydrophytic Vegetat	ion Indicators:		_
6.				• • • -	Hydrophytic Veget	ation	
7.				X 2 - Dominance Te	st is >50%		
8.				3 - Prevalence Inc	lex is ≤3.0 ¹		
9					Adaptations ¹ (Provi		ing
10		· ——			s or on a separate	sheet)	
11				5 - Wetland Non-\		le Les	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:	-	=Total Cover			ophytic Vegetation ¹		
1	_			¹ Indicators of hydric so be present, unless dis			31
2.	····	·		Hydrophytic			
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum		=Total Cover		Vegetation	X No		
Remarks:							

SOIL Sampling Point: DP#2 UP Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) Depth Redox Features (inches) Color (moist) % Color (moist) Type¹ Texture % Remarks SANDY LOAM 10yr 3/1 100 0-11 7.5YR 4/4 FINE SANDY LOAM 11-14 100 ¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³: Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.) Histosol (A1) Sandy Redox (S5) 2 cm Muck (A10) Histic Epipedon (A2) Stripped Matrix (S6) Red Parent Material (F21) Black Histic (A3) Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (except MLRA 1) Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22) Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) Other (Explain in Remarks) Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) Depleted Matrix (F3) Thick Dark Surface (A12) Redox Dark Surface (F6) Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) Depleted Dark Surface (F7) ³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G) Redox Depressions (F8) wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) Restrictive Layer (if observed): Type: **Hydric Soil Present?** Depth (inches): Yes No X Remarks: This data form is revised from Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 8.0, 2016. **HYDROLOGY** Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply) Secondary Indicators (2 or more required) Surface Water (A1) Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (except Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (MLRA 1, 2 High Water Table (A2) MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B) 4A, and 4B) Saturation (A3) Salt Crust (B11) Drainage Patterns (B10) Water Marks (B1) Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) Dry-Season Water Table (C2) Sediment Deposits (B2) Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) Drift Deposits (B3) Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) Geomorphic Position (D2) Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) Shallow Aquitard (D3) Iron Deposits (B5) Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) FAC-Neutral Test (D5) Surface Soil Cracks (B6) Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (LRR A) Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (LRR A) Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain in Remarks) Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Depth (inches): Water Table Present? Depth (inches): Yes Saturation Present? Yes Depth (inches): Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes (includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:



ATTACHMENT 4:
CODE EXCERPTS

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14.28.280 Wetland buffers--Standard buffer zone widths.

- A. Wetland buffer zones shall be required for all regulated activities adjacent to regulated wetlands. Any wetland created, restored or enhanced as compensation for approved wetland alterations shall also include the standard buffer required for the category of the created, restored, or enhanced wetland. All buffers shall be measured from the wetland boundary as surveyed in the field pursuant to the requirements of LMC 14.28.090.
- B. The width of the wetland buffer zone shall be determined according to wetland category, the proposed land use and the wetland's identified functions and values. This methodology shall be applied except when the community and economic development director, through consultation with the Department of Ecology, determines that another methodology better addresses best available science and/or the specific circumstances of the wetland and wetland protection needs.
- C. Where an area of a wetland may be classified under more than one category, the category having the greatest buffer area shall apply. These buffer widths presume that buffer area is comprised of relatively intact native vegetation community adequate to protect the wetland functions at values at the time of the proposed activity. If the vegetation is not adequate, then the buffer width may need to be increased or planted to maintain the standard width. Buffer width required for points identified pursuant to the Department of Ecology wetland rating system. (See Table 14119).
 - For wetlands that score six or more points for habitat function, the following conditions must be maintained in order to use the standard buffers, as follows:
 - a. If an existing, relatively undisturbed vegetated corridor at least one hundred feet wide exists between the on-site wetland and other priority habitats, <u>as defined by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife</u>, and the off-site portion of the corridor is already protected via an existing conservation easement, critical areas regulations, or other legal requirement, the portion of the corridor on-site must also be protected by a similar legal protection. All other applicable criteria found in subsection (C)(2) of this section must also be met. The evaluation of presence or absence of the conditions described above must be completed as part of the critical areas report.

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The list of priority habitats can be accessed from the WDFW web page: http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/

PRIORITY HABITATS	
Terrestrial Priority Habitats	Westside Prairie
Aspen Stands	Aquatic Priority Habitats
Biodiversity Areas and Corridors	Freshwater Wetlands - Fresh Deepwater .
Eastside Steppe	Instream
Herbaceous Balds	Coastal Nearshore
Inland Dunes	Open Coast Nearshore
Juniper Savannah	Puget Sound Nearshore
Old Growth - Mature Forest	Priority Habitats Features
Oregon White Oak Woodlands	Caves
Riparian	Cliffs
Shrubsteppe	Snags and Logs
	Talus

- b. If no such corridor is present to protect, the standard buffers alone may be used with the other applicable criteria contained in this section. If an option for protection of a corridor, as defined under subsection (C)(1)(a) of this section, exists on the parcel, but is not provided, standard buffer widths must be increased by thirty-three percent.
- 2. The buffer widths in Table 14T-19 assume that the buffer is vegetated with a native plant community appropriate for the ecoregion. If the existing buffer is unvegetated, sparsely vegetated, or vegetated with invasive species that do not perform needed functions, the buffer should either be planted to create the appropriate plant community or the buffer should be widened to ensure that adequate functions of the buffer are provided.

a. Table 14T-19. Wetland Buffer Table. [STANDARD]

	Buffer Width (in feet) Based on Habitat Score			
Wetland Category and Type	35 (Low)	67 (Medium)	89 (High)	
I: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	Fi LXe ²	150		
m!	(buffer width not based on habitat scores)			
I: Bogs and Wetlands of High Conservation Value	190		225	
I: All Others	75	110	225	
II: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	V 5 1 -	110		
	(buffer wi	dth not based on habita	at scores)	
II: All	75	110	225	

Western J. Control on J. Trans	Buffer Width (in feet) Based on Habitat Score			
Wetland Category and Type	35 (Low)	67 (Medium)	89 (High)	
III: All	60	110	225	
IV: All		40		

b. Table 14T-68. Required measures to minimize impacts to wetlands. Measures are required, where applicable to a specific proposal. If not implemented, wetland buffers as indicated in Table 14T-69 will be used.

Disturbance	Required Measures to Minimize Impacts
Lights	Direct lights away from wetland
Noise	Locate activity that generates noise away from wetland
	If warranted, enhance existing buffer with native vegetation plantings adjacent to noise source
	For activities that generate relatively continuous, potentially disruptive noise, such as certain heavy industry or mining, establish an additional 10' heavily vegetated buffer strip immediately adjacent to the outer wetland buffer
Toxic runoff	Route all new, untreated runoff away from wetland while ensuring wetland is not dewatered
	Establish covenants limiting use of pesticides within 150 ft of wetland
	Apply integrated pest management
Stormwater runoff	Retrofit stormwater detention and treatment for roads and existing adjacent development
	Prevent channelized flow from lawns that directly enters the buffer
	Use Low Intensity Development techniques (per PSAT publication on LID techniques)
Change in water regime	Infiltrate or treat, detain, and disperse into buffer new runoff from impervious surfaces and new lawns
Pets and human disturbance	Use privacy fencing OR plant dense vegetation to delineate buffer edge and to discourage disturbance using vegetation appropriate for the ecoregion

Disturbance	Required Measures to Minimize Impacts		
	Place wetland and its buffer in a separate tract or protect with a conservation easement		
Dust	Use best management practices to control dust		

c. Table 14T-69. The following wetland buffer requirements if habitat corridor is not provided per subsection (C)(1) of this section or minimization measures per subsection (C)(2)(b) of this section are not implemented:

Wetland Category and Type	Buffer Width (in feet) Based on Habitat Score (if minimizat measures are not met)				
- 1 01	35 (Low)	67 (Medium)	89 (High)		
I: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	200				
	(buffer width not based on habitat scores)				
I: Bogs and Wetlands of High Conservation Value	ly in a sear o	250	300		
I: All Others	100	150	300		
II: Estuarine and Coastal Lagoons	- a - a - 1	150	Fol .		
	(buffer w	vidth not based on habit	at scores)		
II: All	100	150	300		
III: All	80	150	300		
IV: All	1 <u>L</u> = 3 1 = s ₁ 11	50			

(Ord. 1585 §3, 2021; Ord. 1505 §10, 2017; Ord. 1449 §7, 2014; Ord. 1295 §1, 2007; Ord. 1215 §8, 2003; Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.1(a), 1991).

14.28.290 Increased wetland buffer zone width.

The city of Lacey shall require increased standard buffer zone widths on a case-by-case basis when a larger buffer is necessary to protect wetlands functions and values based on local conditions. This determination shall be supported by appropriate documentation showing that it is reasonably related to protection of the functions and values of the regulated wetland. Such determination shall be attached as a condition and shall demonstrate that:

A. A larger buffer is necessary to maintain viable populations of existing species; or

- B. The wetland is used by species listed by the federal government or the state as endangered, threatened, sensitive or as documented priority species or habitats, or essential or outstanding potential habitat for those species or has unusual nesting or resting sites such as heron rookeries or raptor nesting trees; or
- C. The adjacent land is susceptible to severe erosion and erosion control measures will not effectively prevent adverse wetland impacts; or
- D. The adjacent land has minimal vegetative cover or slopes greater than thirty percent. (Ord. 1505 §11, 2017; Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.1(b), 1991).

14.28.300 Repealed.

Repealed by Ord. 1505. 14.28.310 Standard wetland buffer width averaging.

Standard wetland buffer zones may be modified by averaging buffer widths. Wetland buffer width averaging shall be allowed only where the applicant demonstrates all of the following:

- A. That averaging is necessary to avoid an extraordinary hardship to the applicant caused by circumstances peculiar to the property and there are no feasible alternatives to the site design that could be accomplished without buffer averaging;
- B. That width averaging will not adversely impact the wetland functions and values as demonstrated by a wetland report; and
- C. That the total area contained within the wetland buffer after averaging is no less than that contained within the standard buffer prior to averaging. In no instance shall the buffer width be reduced by more than twenty-five percent of the standard. (Ord. 1505 §13, 2017; Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.1(d), 1991).

14.28.320 Permit processing--Retention of natural buffer zones.

Except as otherwise specified, wetland buffer zones shall be retained in their natural condition. Where buffer disturbance has occurred during construction, revegetation with native vegetation may be required. (Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.1(e), 1991).

14.28.330 Repealed.

Repealed by Ord. 1505. 14.28.340 Permit processing--Building setback lines.

A building setback line corresponding to the required yard area setback for the underlying zone is required from the edge of any wetland buffer. The setback shall be identified on a site plan which is filed as an attachment to the notice on title required by LMC 14.28.220. (Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.1(g), 1991).

14.28.350 Avoiding wetland impacts.

- A. Regulated activities and special uses shall not be authorized in a regulated wetland except where it can be demonstrated that the impact is both unavoidable and necessary or that all reasonable economic uses are denied.
- B. With respect to Category I wetlands, an applicant must demonstrate that denial would impose an extraordinary hardship on the part of the applicant brought about by circumstances peculiar to the subject property.

- C. With respect to Category II and III wetlands, the following provisions shall apply:
 - 1. For water-dependent activities, unavoidable and necessary impacts can be demonstrated where there are no practicable alternatives which would not involve a wetland or which would not have less adverse impact on a wetland, and would not have other significant adverse environmental consequences.
 - 2. Where nonwater-dependent activities are proposed, it shall be presumed that adverse impacts are avoidable. This presumption may be rebutted upon a demonstration that:
 - a. The basic project purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished utilizing one or more other sites in the general region that would avoid, or result in less, adverse impact on a regulated wetland; and
 - b. A reduction in the size, scope, configuration, or density of the project as proposed and all alternative designs of the project as proposed that would avoid, or result in less, adverse impact on a regulated wetland or its buffer will not accomplish the basic purpose of the project; and
 - c. In cases where the applicant has rejected alternatives to the project as proposed due to constraints such as zoning, deficiencies of infrastructure, or parcel size, the applicant has made reasonable attempt to remove or accommodate such constraints.
- D. With respect to Category IV wetlands, unavoidable and necessary impacts can be demonstrated where the proposed activity is the only reasonable alternative which will accomplish the applicant's objectives.
- E. Reasonable Use. If an applicant for a development proposal demonstrates to the satisfaction of the city of Lacey that application of these standards would deny all reasonable economic use of the property, development as conditioned shall be allowed if the applicant also demonstrates all of the following to the satisfaction of the city of Lacey:
 - 1. That the proposed project is water-dependent or requires access to the wetland as a central element of its basic function, or is not water-dependent but has no practicable alternative pursuant to this section;
 - 2. That no reasonable use with less impact on the wetland and its buffer is possible (e.g., agriculture, aquaculture, transfer or sale of development rights or credits, sale of open space easements, etc.);
 - 3. That there is no feasible on-site alternative to the proposed activities, including reduction in density, phasing of project implementation, change in timing of activities, revision of road and lot layout, and/or related site planning considerations, that would allow a reasonable economic use with less adverse impacts to wetlands and wetland buffers;
 - 4. That the proposed activities will result in minimum feasible alteration or impairment to the wetland's functional characteristics and its existing contours, vegetation, fish and wildlife resources, and hydrological conditions;
 - 5. That disturbance of wetlands has been minimized by locating any necessary alteration in wetland buffers to the extent possible;
 - 6. That the proposed activities will not jeopardize the continued existence of species listed by the federal government or the state as endangered, threatened, rare, sensitive, or as documented priority species or priority habitats;

- 7. That the proposed activities will not cause significant degradation of ground water or surface water quality;
- 8. That the proposed activities comply with all state, local and federal laws, including those related to sediment control, pollution control, floodplain restrictions, and on-site wastewater disposal;
- 9. That any and all alterations to wetlands and wetland buffers will be mitigated as provided in LMC 14.28.510;
- 10. That there will be no damage to nearby public or private property and no threat to the health or safety of people on or off the property; and
- 11. That the inability to derive reasonable economic use of the property is not the result of actions by the applicant in segregating or dividing the property and creating the undevelopable condition after the effective date of this chapter.

If the city of Lacey determines that alteration of a wetland and/or wetland buffer is necessary and unavoidable, the city of Lacey shall set forth in writing in the file it maintains regarding a permit application its findings with respect to each of the items listed in this subsection. (Ord. 1215 §10, 2003; Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.2, 1991).

14.28.360 Minimizing wetlands impacts.

- A. After it has been determined by the city of Lacey pursuant to LMC <u>14.28.350</u> that losses of wetland are necessary and unavoidable or that all reasonable economic use has been denied, the applicant shall take deliberate measures to minimize wetland impacts.
- B. Minimizing impacts to wetlands shall include but is not limited to:
 - 1. Limiting the degree or magnitude of the regulated activity;
 - Limiting the implementation of the regulated activity;
 - Using appropriate and best available technology and best available science;
 - Taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts;
 - 5. Sensitive site design and siting of facilities and construction staging areas away from regulated wetlands and their buffers;
 - 6. Involving resource agencies early in site planning; and
 - 7. Providing protective measures such as siltation curtains, hay bales and other siltation prevention measures, scheduling the regulated activity to avoid interference with wildlife and fisheries rearing, resting, nesting or spawning activities. (Ord. 1215 §11, 2003; Ord. 912 §1 Sec. 7.3, 1991).

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