

August 1, 2014

Max Chau

Via email: maxchau@mac.com

**Re: 8375 and 8383 East Mercer Way, Wetland and Watercourse  
Delineation Study**

The Watershed Company Reference Number: 140618

Dear Mr. Chau:

On July 3, 2014, Ecologist Katy Crandall and I visited your two adjoining properties located at 8375 and 8383 East Mercer Way on Mercer Island (Parcels #032110-0140 & -0145) (subject property). The purpose of our visit was to conduct a wetland and watercourse delineation study on the properties. This letter summarizes the findings of this study and details applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The following attachments are included:

- Wetland Delineation Sketch
- Wetland Determination Data Forms
- Wetland Rating Forms

**Methods**

Public-domain information on the subject properties was reviewed for this delineation study. These sources include USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil maps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory maps, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife interactive mapping programs (PHS on the Web), Mercer Island Watercourse Inventory, and King County's GIS mapping website (iMAP).

The study area was evaluated for wetlands using methodology from the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region Version 2.0* (Regional Supplement) (US Army Corps of Engineers [Corps] May 2010). The wetland boundary was determined on the basis of an examination of vegetation, soils, and hydrology. Areas meeting the criteria set forth in the Regional Supplement were determined to be wetland. Soil, vegetation, and hydrologic parameters were sampled at several locations along the wetland boundary to make the determination. Data points on-site are marked with yellow- and black-striped flags. We recorded data at three of these locations.

The delineated wetland was classified using the *Western Washington Wetland Rating*

*System* (Ecology, Aug 2004, version 2) (Rating System). Wetland A is marked with 15 pink- and black-stripped flags, respectively.

The ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the on-site watercourse was determined based on the definition provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and WAC 220-110-020(69). The OHWM is located by examining the bed and bank physical characteristics and vegetation to ascertain the water elevation for mean annual floods. Areas meeting the definition were determined to be the OHWM and flagged. Field observations and published information were used to classify the watercourse according to the Mercer Island Municipal Code (MIMC). The right and left banks of the on-site portion of Watercourse A are marked with three blue- and white-striped flags.

## **Findings**

The subject property, totaling approximately 1.3 acres, consists of two adjoining lots located in a residential area on the southeast side of Mercer Island. The two parcels each contain one single-family residence and associated driveways and lawn areas on the lower (southeast) portions of the properties. The generally undeveloped upper (northwest) portions of the property are more steeply inclined and situated at the base of a very steep slope. The steep slope is mainly located on an undeveloped tract, which is parcel number 362560TRCT. Non-wetland vegetation in the lower portions is mostly a mix of mowed lawn grasses and ornamental fruit trees. The vegetation in the upper portions is composed of a bigleaf maple-dominated forest with an understory of Himalayan blackberry, stinging nettle, English ivy, and sword fern. There is one wetland and one watercourse located on the subject property. Other than the watercourse described below, no other critical area features were noted on adjoining properties to the extent those areas could be seen from within the subject property boundaries.

### *Wetland A*

Wetland A is located near the eastern boundary of the east parcel. Most of the wetland area has been excavated to form an ornamental landscape pond, which is armored with riprap around the perimeter only. However, groundwater seeps are present in several areas above the excavated portion, providing hydrology for Wetland A. The presence of the groundwater seeps in areas adjacent to the excavated pond suggest that the pond was not excavated entirely from non-wetland area, and it is therefore, a regulated wetland under MIMC and at the state and federal levels. The vegetation in Wetland A includes forested and emergent Cowardin communities in addition to an open water component. The forested area is dominated by a large western red-cedar tree, while the emergent areas are dominated by watercress, soft rush, small-fruited bulrush, and reed canarygrass. The soil in Wetland A is a gleyed (N 3/) loamy sand with redoximorphic features present. The soil satisfies the criteria for the hydric soil indicator Sandy Gleyed

Matrix (S4). Hydrology for Wetland A is provided by a high groundwater table that can be observed as groundwater seeps in the non-excavated portions of the wetland. The excavated area is permanently-ponded with approximately two feet of inundation. Wetland A also serves as the headwater for Watercourse A (see below). The outlet for Wetland A was historically a spillway at the east end of the pond. Recently, a crack has formed in the subterranean structure of the pond just below the spillway. Water seeps through the crack and emerges just west of the pond at the upper extent of Watercourse A.

#### *Watercourse A*

Watercourse A is a small, permanently-flowing drainage that originates at the eastern boundary of Wetland A and immediately flows off-site onto the adjacent property to the east (Parcel #0321100155). The permanently-flowing determination was based on the extent of channel definition, the amount of flow present during the July inspection, and the presence of a permanently ponded headwater (Wetland A). After leaving the subject property, Watercourse A continues towards the southeast across the adjacent property and beneath E. Mercer Way, eventually discharging into Lake Washington. East of E. Mercer Way, Watercourse A descends down a natural gradient of approximately 38 percent, based on iMAP measurements. A gradient of more than 16 percent on small watercourses, such as Watercourse A, is considered a complete barrier to fish passage, and Watercourse A is too small to support resident fish. Therefore, we conclude that Watercourse A is not fish-bearing. This determination is in agreement with the Mercer Island Watercourse Inventory, which depicts Watercourse A as permanently-flowing but does not identify it as potential fish habitat. Watercourse A does not appear on any county, state, or federal stream or wetland inventory reviewed under this study (see methods section, above).

#### **Local Regulations**

Wetlands and watercourses on Mercer Island are regulated under Chapter 19 of MIMC. Under MIMC, wetlands are classified as one of four categories based on the Rating System. According to the Rating System, Wetland A received six points for water quality functions, 10 points for hydrologic functions, and 13 points for habitat functions, for a total of 29 points. This score qualifies Wetland A as a Category IV wetland. Wetland buffers on Mercer Island are determined based on the wetland category. Category IV wetlands are required to have a standard buffer width of 35 feet (MIMC 19.07.080.C.1).

Watercourses on Mercer Island are classified as one of three types based on permanence of flow and fish use. Permanently-flowing watercourses that do not contain fish are classified as Type 2. Watercourse buffers are determined based on the watercourse type.

Type 2 watercourses are required to have a standard buffer width of 50 feet (MIMC 19.07.070.B.1).

Per MIMC 19.07.070.B.2 & 19.07.080.C.2, standard watercourse and wetland buffers may be reduced in accordance with an approved critical areas study and in conjunction with enhancement of the reduced buffer. Enhancement of the reduced buffer can include removal of invasive species; removal of impervious surfaces; the installation of a dense, native plant community; installation of special habitat features, such as large woody debris; implementation of best management practices; use of LEED technology in building design; use of bioinfiltration systems; and daylighting of previously piped stream segments. It must be demonstrated that the reduced buffer will result in no-net-loss of ecological functions.

Per MIMC 19.07.070.B.3 & 19.07.080.C.3, watercourse and wetland buffers may also be modified through buffer averaging. Approved buffer averaging plans must satisfy all of the following:

- The ecological function shall be improved;
- The averaged buffer shall be replanted with native vegetation;
- The averaged buffer shall not result in a smaller total buffer area than the standard buffer;
- The averaged buffer shall not be less than the minimum buffer in any area; and
- The averaged buffer shall not contain a steep slope.

The minimum buffer allowed under reduction with enhancement or buffer averaging is 25 feet for Category IV wetlands and Type 2 watercourses (MIMC 19.70.070.B.1 & 19.70.080.C.1).

### **State and Federal Regulations**

Wetlands and watercourses (streams) are also regulated by the Corps under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any filling of Waters of the State, including wetlands (except isolated wetlands), would require notification and permits from the Corps. Wetland A would not be considered isolated, due to its connection to Watercourse A. Federally permitted actions that could affect endangered species (i.e. salmon or bull trout) may also require a biological assessment study and consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service. Application for Corps permits may also require an individual 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal

Zone Management Consistency determination from Ecology and a Cultural Resource Study in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In general, neither the Corps nor Ecology regulates wetland buffers, unless direct impacts are proposed. When direct impacts are proposed, mitigated wetlands may be required to employ buffers based on Corps and Ecology joint regulatory guidance.

**Disclaimer**

The information contained in this letter or report is based on the application of technical guidelines currently accepted as the best available science and in conjunction with the manuals and criteria outlined in the methods section. All discussions, conclusions and recommendations reflect the best professional judgment of the author(s) and are based upon information available to us at the time the study was conducted. All work was completed within the constraints of budget, scope, and timing. The findings of this report are subject to verification and agreement by the appropriate local, State and Federal regulatory authorities. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

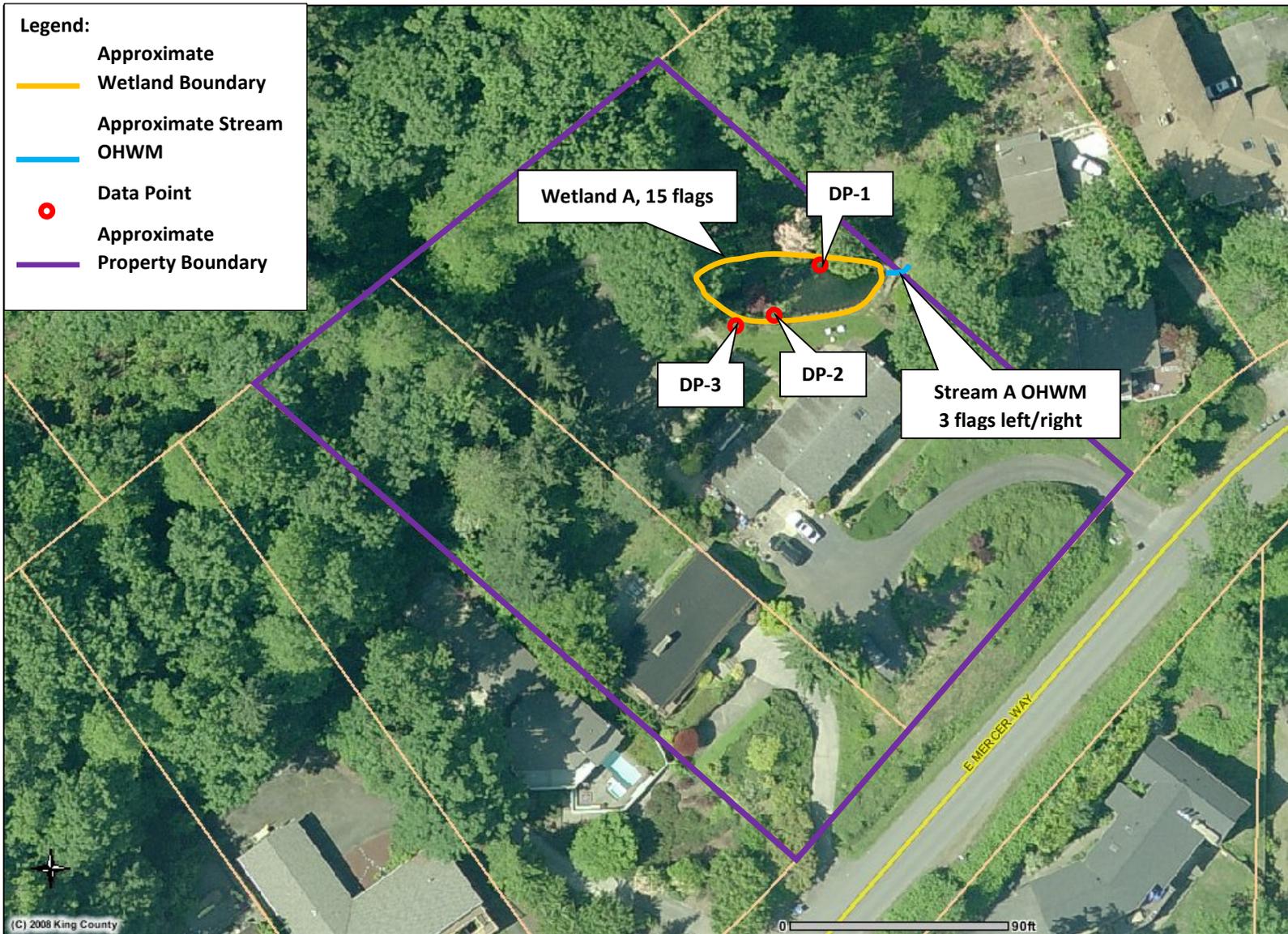
Please call if you have any questions or if we can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,



Ryan Kahlo, PWS  
Ecologist

Enclosures



**Note:**  
Areas depicted have not been surveyed. All locations are approximate and not to scale.

**Wetland and Stream Delineation Sketch**  
Parcels #032110-0140 & -0145, Mercer Island, WA  
Prepared for Max Chau on July 7, 2014  
TWC Project# 140618

Wetland boundary is marked with pink- and black-striped flags.  
Stream OHWM are marked with blue- and white-striped flags.  
Data points are marked with yellow- and black-striped flags.

**DP-1**

Project Site: <b>Mercer Island Chau Property</b>			Sampling Date: <b>7/3/2014</b>		
Applicant/Owner: <b>Chau</b>			Sampling Point: <b>DP- 1</b>		
Investigator: <b>Kahlo, R, PWS; Crandall, K.</b>			City/County: <b>Mercer Island / King Co.</b>		
Sect., Township, Range: <b>S 31 T 24N R 5E</b>			State: <b>WA</b>		
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): <b>Depression</b>		Slope (%): <b>None</b>	Local relief (concave, convex, none): <b>Concave</b>		
Subregion (LRR): <b>A</b>	Lat:	Long:	Datum:		
Soil Map Unit Name: <b>EwC</b>			NW1 classification: <b>None</b>		
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			(If no, explain in remarks.)		
Are "Normal Circumstances" present on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
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Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?			(If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)		

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

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Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size 5m diam. )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test Worksheet																					
1. <b><i>Thuja plicata</i></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>FAC</b>	Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <b>2</b> (A)																					
2.				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <b>2</b> (B)																					
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1. <b><i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i></b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>OBL</b>	Prevalence Index = B / A =																					
2. <b><i>Juncus effusus</i></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>FACW</b>																						
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**Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)**

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
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**Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)**

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

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>**

- 2cm Muck (A10)
- Red Parent Material (TF2)
- Other (explain in remarks)

<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic

Restrictive Layer (if present):

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

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

Hydric soil present?

Yes

No

Remarks: **Soil could not be sampled due to depth of inundation. Permanent inundation causes anaerobic conditions, and therefore, hydric soils**

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

*Primary Indicators (minimum of one required: check all that apply):*

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface water (A1)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A &amp; 4B)</b> (B9) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b>                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in remarks)                                       |

*Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):*

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

**Field Observations**

- |  |   |                             |             |                |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Surface Water Present?                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in): | <b>8</b>       |
| Water Table Present?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in): | <b>Surface</b> |
| Saturation Present?<br>(includes capillary fringe) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in): | <b>Surface</b> |

Wetland Hydrology Present?

Yes

No

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

Remarks:

DP-2

Project Site: <b>Mercer Island Chau Property</b>		Sampling Date: <b>7/3/2014</b>
Applicant/Owner: <b>Chau</b>		Sampling Point: <b>DP- 2</b>
Investigator: <b>Kahlo, R; Crandall, K.</b>		City/County: <b>Mercer Island / King Co.</b>
Sect., Township, Range: <b>S 31 T 24N R 5E</b>		State: <b>WA</b>
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): <b>Hillslope</b>	Slope (%): <b>5</b>	Local relief (concave, convex, none): <b>None</b>
Subregion (LRR): <b>A</b>	Lat	Long
Soil Map Unit Name: <b>EwC</b>		NWI classification: <b>None</b>
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4-12	N 3/	85	7.5YR 2.5/3	C	M		Loamy Sand	

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

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>**

- 2cm Muck (A10)
- Red Parent Material (TF2)
- Other (explain in remarks)

<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic

Restrictive Layer (if present):

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

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

Hydric soil present?

Yes

No

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

*Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply):*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water (A1)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A &amp; 4B)</b> (B9) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)                                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in remarks)                                       |

*Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):*

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**Field Observations**

- |  |   |  |                      |
|--|---|--|----------------------|
| Surface Water Present?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in):          |
| Water Table Present?                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | Depth (in): <b>8</b> |
| Saturation Present?<br>(includes capillary fringe) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | Depth (in): <b>4</b> |

Wetland Hydrology Present?

Yes

No

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

Remarks:

DP-3

Project Site: <b>Mercer Island Chau Property</b>		Sampling Date: <b>7/3/2014</b>
Applicant/Owner: <b>Chau</b>		Sampling Point: <b>DP- 3</b>
Investigator: <b>Kahlo, R; Crandall, K.</b>		City/County: <b>Mercer Island / King Co.</b>
Sect., Township, Range: <b>S 31 T 24N R 5E</b>		State: <b>WA</b>
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): <b>Hillslope</b>	Slope (%): <b>5</b>	Local relief (concave, convex, none): <b>Convex</b>
Subregion (LRR): <b>A</b>	Lat: _____	Long: _____ Datum: _____
Soil Map Unit Name: <b>EwC</b>		NWI classification: <b>None</b>
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		(If no, explain in remarks.)
Are "Normal Circumstances" present on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil, <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?		
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil, <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		
(If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)		

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Is this Sampling Point within a Wetland?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Hydric Soils Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Remarks:		

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size 5m diam. )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test Worksheet																					
1. _____				Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <b>1</b> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <b>1</b> (B) Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <b>100</b> (A/B)																					
2. _____																									
3. _____																									
4. _____																									
_____ = Total Cover																									
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size 3m diam. )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Prevalence Index Worksheet																					
1. <b>Prunus spp.</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NI</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Total % Cover of</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Multiply by</th> </tr> <tr> <td>OBL species</td> <td></td> <td>x 1 =</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FACW species</td> <td></td> <td>x 2 =</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FAC species</td> <td></td> <td>x 3 =</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FACU species</td> <td></td> <td>x 4 =</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UPL species</td> <td></td> <td>x 5 =</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Column totals</td> <td>(A)</td> <td>(B)</td> </tr> </table>	Total % Cover of		Multiply by	OBL species		x 1 =	FACW species		x 2 =	FAC species		x 3 =	FACU species		x 4 =	UPL species		x 5 =	Column totals	(A)	(B)
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Herb Stratum (Plot size 1m diam. )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Prevalence Index Worksheet																					
1. <b>Lawn grass</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>FAC*</b>	Prevalence Index = B / A = _____																					
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1. _____				<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">No</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>																
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2. _____																									
_____ = Total Cover																									
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____																									
Remarks: <b>*Presumed FAC</b>																									

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-5	10YR 3/3	100					Sandy loam	
5-12	2.5Y 3/3	100					Loamy sand	

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

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- Red Parent Material (TF2)
- Other (explain in remarks)

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Restrictive Layer (if present):

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

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

Hydric soil present?

Yes

No

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

*Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply):*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water (A1)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)                          |
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**Field Observations**

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|--|------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Surface Water Present?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in): |
| Water Table Present?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in): |
| Saturation Present?<br>(includes capillary fringe) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Depth (in): |

Wetland Hydrology Present?

Yes

No

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

Remarks:

Wetland name or number: A

### WETLAND RATING FORM – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 – Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users  
Updated Oct 2008 with the new WDFW definitions for priority habitats

Name of wetland (if known): Wetland A Date of site visit: 7/3/2014

Rated by: Kahlo, R;

Crandall, K Trained by Ecology? Yes  No  Date of Training 3/2009

SEC: 31 TOWNSHIP: 24N RANGE: 5E Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes  No

### 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	6
Score for Hydrologic Functions	10
Score for Habitat Functions	13
<b>TOTAL score for functions</b>	<b>29</b>

#### Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

I  II  Does not Apply

Final Category (choose the “highest” category from above)

**IV**

Check the appropriate type and class of wetland being rated.

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

Wetland name or number: A

**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. <i>Has the wetland unit been documented as a habitat for any Federally listed Threatened or Endangered <b>animal</b> or <b>plant</b> species (T/E species)?</i> For the purposes of this rating system, “documented” means the wetland is on the appropriate state or federal database.		X*
SP2. <i>Has the wetland unit been documented as habitat for any State listed Threatened or Endangered <b>animal</b> species?</i> 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).		X*
SP3. <i>Does the wetland unit contain individuals of Priority species listed by the WDFW for the state?</i>		X*
SP4. <i>Does the wetland unit have a local significance in addition to its functions?</i> 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.		X

\*Priority Habitat and Species Data from WDFW was reviewed as part of this study.

*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. Classifying the wetland first simplifies the questions needed to answer how it functions. The Hydrogeomorphic Class of a wetland can be determined using the key below. See p. 24 for more detailed instructions on classifying wetlands.

## 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 wetland 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 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 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 types of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3ft diameter and less than a foot deep).*  
 NO – go to 5                       YES – The wetland class is **Slope**

Wetland name or number: A

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 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.

<i>HGM classes within the wetland unit being rated</i>	<i>HGM Class to Use in Rating</i>
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.

D	Depressional and Flats Wetlands	Points
<b>WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS - Indicators that wetland functions to improve water quality</b>		
<b>D</b>	<b>D 1. Does the wetland have the potential to improve water quality?</b>	<i>(see p. 38)</i>
<b>D</b>	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Unit has an intermittently flowing, or highly constricted permanently flowing outlet..... points = 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet ( <i>permanently flowing</i> ). points = 1 Unit is a “flat” depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow <b>and no obvious natural outlet</b> , and/or outlet is a man-made ditch ..... points = 1 <i>(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as “intermittently flowing”)</i>	2
<b>D</b>	D 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic ( <i>use NRCS definitions</i> ). YES points = 4 <input type="checkbox"/> NO points = 0	0
<b>D</b>	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation > = 1/10 of area ..... points = 1 Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation <1/10 of area..... points = 0	1
<b>D</b>	D1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation. <i>This is the area of the wetland unit 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 yrs.</i> Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland..... points = 4 Area seasonally ponded is > ¼ total area of wetland..... points = 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Area seasonally ponded is < ¼ total area of wetland..... points = 0 NOTE: See text for indicators of seasonal and permanent inundation.	0
<b>D</b>	<b>Total for D 1</b> <i>Add the points in the boxes above</i>	3
<b>D</b>	<b>D 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to improve water quality?</b> 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? <i>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.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft <input type="checkbox"/> Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft of wetland <input type="checkbox"/> A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft of wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ YES multiply score in D 1. by 2      NO multiply score in D 1. by 1	<i>(see p. 44)</i>  multiplier <u>2</u>
<b>D</b>	<b>TOTAL - Water Quality Functions</b> Multiply the score from D1 by D2 <i>Add score to table on p. 1</i>	<b>6</b>

<b>D Depressional and Flats Wetlands</b>		
<b>HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS - Indicators that wetland functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation</b>		
	<b>D 3. Does the wetland have the potential to reduce flooding and erosion?</b>	<i>(see p. 46)</i>
<b>D</b>	<p>D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit</p> <p>Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet)..... points = 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unit has an intermittently flowing, or highly constricted permanently flowing outlet..... points = 2</p> <p>Unit is a “flat” depression (Q.7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow <b>and no obvious natural outlet</b>, and/or outlet is a man-made ditch ..... points = 1 <i>(If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as “intermittently flowing”)</i></p> <p>Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (<i>permanently flowing</i>). points = 0</p>	2
<b>D</b>	<p>D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods</p> <p><i>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).</i></p> <p>Marks of ponding are at least 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet..... points = 7</p> <p>The wetland is a “headwater” wetland” ..... points = 5</p> <p>Marks of ponding between 2 ft to &lt; 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet..... points = 5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marks are at least 0.5 ft to &lt; 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet ..... points = 3</p> <p>Unit is flat (yes to Q.2 or Q.7 on key) but has small depressions on the surface that trap water ..... points = 1</p> <p>Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft..... points = 0</p>	3
<b>D</b>	<p>D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed</p> <p><i>Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself.</i></p> <p>The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of the unit ..... points = 5</p> <p>The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit ..... points = 3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit ..... points = 0</p> <p>Entire unit is in the FLATS class ..... points = 5</p>	0
<b>D</b>	<p><b>Total for D 3</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Add the points in the boxes above</i></span></p>	5
<b>D</b>	<p><b>D 4. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to reduce flooding and erosion?</b></p> <p>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 groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur.</p> <p><i>Note which of the following conditions apply.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wetland has no outlet and impounds surface runoff water that might otherwise flow into a river or stream that has flooding problems</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES multiplier is 2      <input type="checkbox"/> NO multiplier is 1</p>	<p><i>(see p. 49)</i></p> <p>multiplier</p> <p><u>2</u></p>
<b>D</b>	<p><b>TOTAL - Hydrologic Functions</b> Multiply the score from D 3 by D 4 <i>Add score to table on p. 1</i></p>	10

<b>These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.</b> <b>HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that wetland functions to provide important habitat</b>	
<b>H 1. Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?</b>	
<p>H 1.1 <u>Vegetation structure</u> (see p. 72)                      Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined by Cowardin) if the class is 1/4 acre or covers more than 10% of the area of the wetland if unit smaller than 2.5 acres.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic bed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergent plants  <input type="checkbox"/> Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have &gt;30% cover)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forested (areas where trees have &gt;30% cover)  <input type="checkbox"/> Forested areas have 3 out of 5 strata (canopy, sub-canopy, shrubs, herbaceous, moss/ground-cover) that each cover 20% within the forested polygon                 </p> <p>Add the number of vegetation types that qualify. If you have:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">                     4 structures or more ..... points = 4                      3 structures ..... points = 2  <input style="border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="2"/> 2 structures ..... points = 1                      1 structure ..... points = 0                 </p>	1
<p>H 1.2. <u>Hydroperiods</u> (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)</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanently flooded or inundated  <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flooded or inundated  <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally flooded or inundated  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated only  <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adjacent to, the wetland  <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the wetland  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lake-fringe wetland = 2 points</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Freshwater tidal wetland = 2 points</b> </p> <p style="text-align: right;">                     4 or more types present ..... points = 3  <input style="border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="2"/> 3 types present ..... points = 2  <input style="border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="1"/> 2 types present ..... points = 1                      1 types present ..... points = 0                 </p>	1
<p>H 1.3. <u>Richness of Plant Species</u> (see p. 75)                      Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft<sup>2</sup>. (different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold)                      You do not have to name the species.                      Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Canadian thistle</p> <p style="text-align: right;">                     If you counted: &gt; 19 species ..... points = 2  <input style="border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="1"/> 5 - 19 species ..... points = 1                      &lt; 5 species ..... points = 0                 </p> <p>List species below if you want to:</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">THPL, RUSP, JUEF, ATFI, SCMI, LEMI, RONA</p>	1

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<p>H 1.4. <u>Interspersion of habitats</u> (<i>see p. 76</i>)          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.</p> <p>None = 0 points    Low = 1 point    Moderate = 2 points    High = 3 points</p> <p>[riparian braided channels]</p> <p>NOTE: If you have four or more vegetation types or three vegetation types and open water the rating is always "high".</p>	2
<p>H 1.5. <u>Special Habitat Features:</u> (<i>see p. 77</i>)          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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (&gt;4in. diameter and 6 ft long).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Standing snags (diameter at the bottom &gt; 4 inches) in the wetland</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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 for at least 33 ft (10m)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (&gt;30degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least ¼ acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated. (<i>structures for egg-laying by amphibians</i>)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants  <i>Note: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.</i></li> </ul>	1
<p><b>H 1. TOTAL</b> Score - potential for providing habitat          Add the scores from H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H1.5</p>	6

<b>H 2. Does the wetland have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?</b>	
<p><b>H 2.1 Buffers</b> (<i>see p. 80</i>)  <i>Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed."</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water &gt;95% of circumference. No developed areas within undisturbed part of buffer.                      (relatively undisturbed also means no-grazing) ..... Points = 5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 100 m (330 ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water &gt; 50% circumference..... Points = 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water &gt;95% circumference..... Points = 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water &gt; 25% circumference..... Points = 3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 50 m (170ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water for &gt; 50% circumference..... Points = 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If buffer does not meet any of the criteria above</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No paved areas (except paved trails) or buildings within 25 m (80ft) of wetland &gt; 95% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK..... Points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No paved areas or buildings within 50m of wetland for &gt;50% circumference. Light to moderate grazing, or lawns are OK..... Points = 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heavy grazing in buffer. .... Points = 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated buffers are &lt;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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buffer does not meet any of the criteria above. Points = 1</p>	1
<p><b>H 2.2 Corridors and Connections</b> (<i>see p. 81</i>)</p> <p>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? (<i>dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor</i>).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES = <b>4 points</b> (<i>go to H 2.3</i>)      NO = go to H 2.2.2</p> <p>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? <b>OR a Lake-fringe wetland</b>, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES = <b>2 points</b> (<i>go to H 2.3</i>)      NO = H 2.2.3</p> <p>H 2.2.3 Is the wetland:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR                      within 3 mi of a large field or pasture (&gt;40 acres) OR                      within 1 mi of a lake greater than 20 acres?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES = <b>1 point</b>      NO = <b>0 points</b></p>	1

<p>H 2.3 <u>Near or adjacent to other priority habitats listed by WDFW (see new and complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in the PHS report <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/phslist.htm">http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/phslist.htm</a>)</u></p> <p>Which of the following priority habitats are within 330ft (100m) of the wetland? (NOTE: the connections do not have to be relatively undisturbed)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aspen Stands:</b> Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 0.4 ha (1 acres).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biodiversity Areas and Corridors:</b> Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (full description in WDFW PHS report p. 152)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Herbaceous Balds:</b> Variable size patches of grass and forbs on shallow soils over bedrock.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Old-growth/Mature forests:</b> (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) &gt; 81 cm (32 in) dbh or &gt; 200 years of age. (Mature forests.) Stands with average diameters exceeding 53 cm (21 in) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Oregon white Oak:</b> Woodlands Stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158.)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Riparian:</b> The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Westside Prairies:</b> Herbaceous, non-forested plant communities that can either take the form of a dry prairie or a wet prairie (full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 161)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Instream:</b> The combination of physical, biological, and chemical processes and conditions that interact to provide functional life history requirements for instream fish and wildlife resources.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nearshore:</b> Relatively undisturbed nearshore habitats. These include Coastal Nearshore, Open Coast Nearshore, and Puget Sound Nearshore. (full descriptions of habitats and the definition of relatively undisturbed are in WDFW report: pp. 167-169 and glossary in Appendix A.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Caves:</b> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cliffs:</b> Greater than 7.6 m (25 ft) high and occurring below 5000 ft.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Talus:</b> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Snags and Logs:</b> 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 &gt;51 cm (20 in) in western Washington and are &gt; 2 m (6.5 ft) in height. Priority logs are &gt; 30cm (12 in) in diameter at the largest end, and &gt; 6m (20 ft) long.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If wetland has <b>3 or more</b> priority habitats = <b>4 points</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>If wetland has 2 priority habitats = 3 points</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If wetland has <b>1</b> priority habitat = <b>1 point</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No habitats = <b>0 points</b></p> <p><i>Note: All vegetated wetland are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list. Nearby wetlands are addressed in question H2.4.</i></p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>H 2.4 <u>Wetland Landscape</u> (choose the <b>one</b> description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits) (see p. 84)</p> <p>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</p> <p>The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within ½ mile ..... points = 5</p> <p>There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed ..... points = 3</p> <p>The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake <b>with</b> disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetland within ½ mile ..... points = 3</p> <p>There is at least 1 wetland within ½ mile. .... points = 2</p> <p>There are no wetlands within ½ mile..... points = 0</p>	2
<p><b>H 2. TOTAL Score</b> - opportunity for providing habitat <i>Add the scores from H2.1, H2.2, H2.3, H2.4</i></p>	7
<p>TOTAL for H1 from page 14</p>	6
<p><b>Total Score for Habitat Functions</b> – add the points for H 1, H 2 and record the result on p. 1</p>	13

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**CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

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

<b>Wetland Type</b> <i>Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the Category when the appropriate criteria are met.</i>	<b>Category</b>
<p><b>SC 1.0 Estuarine wetlands (see p. 86)</b></p> <p>Does the wetland unit meet the following criteria for Estuarine wetlands?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The dominant water regime is tidal,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated, and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> With a salinity greater than 0.5 ppt.</p> <p>YES = Go to SC 1.1                      NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>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 332-151?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES = Category I                      <input type="checkbox"/> NO = go to SC 1.2</p>	<p><b>Cat. I</b></p>
<p>SC 1.2 Is the wetland unit at least 1 acre in size and meets at least two of the following three conditions?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES = Category I                      <input type="checkbox"/> NO = Category II</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The wetland is relatively undisturbed (has no diking, ditching, filling, cultivation, grazing, and has less than 10% cover of non-native plant species. If the non-native <i>Spartina</i> 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 are aof <i>Spartina</i> 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 <i>Spartina</i> in determining the size threshold of 1 acre.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least ¾ of the landward edge of the wetland has a 100 ft buffer of shrub, forest, or un-grazed or un-mowed wetland.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has at least 2 or the following features: tidal channels, depressions with open water, or contiguous freshwater wetlands.</p>	<p><b>Cat. I</b></p> <p><b>Cat. II</b></p> <p><b>Dual rating I/II</b></p>

<p><b>SC 2.0 Natural Heritage Wetlands (see p. 87)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>SC 2.1 Is the wetland being rated in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? (<i>this question is used to screen out most sites before you need to contact WNHP/DNR</i>)          S/T/R information from Appendix D <input type="checkbox"/> or accessed from WNHP/DNR web site <input type="checkbox"/>          YES <input type="checkbox"/> – contact WNHP/DNR (see p. 79) and go to SC 2.2      NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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 <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Heritage Wetland</p>	<p><b>Cat. I</b></p>
<p><b>SC 3.0 Bogs (see p. 87)</b></p> <p>Does the wetland (or any part of the unit) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs? <i>Use the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog. If you answer yes, you will still need to rate the wetland based on its functions.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the wetland have organic soils horizons (i.e. layers of organic soil), either peats or mucks, that compose 16” 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</li> <li>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 top of a lake or pond?              Yes - go to Q.3      NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not a bog for purpose of rating</li> <li>3. Does the wetland 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 species in Table 3)?              Yes – Is a bog for purpose of rating      NO - go to Q.4  <i>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.</i></li> <li>4. Is the wetland forested (&gt;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 (&gt;30% coverage of the total shrub/herbaceous cover)?              YES = Category I      NO <input type="checkbox"/> is not a bog for purpose of rating</li> </ol>	<p><b>Cat. I</b></p>



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<p>In practical terms that means the following geographic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long Beach Peninsula – lands west of SR 103</li> <li>- Grayland-Westport – lands west of SR 105</li> <li>- Ocean Shores-Copalis – lands west of SR 115 and SR 109</li> </ul> <p>SC 6.1 Is the wetland 1 acre or larger, or is it in a mosaic of wetlands that is 1 acre or larger?          YES = Category II                      NO – go to SC 6.2</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>Cat. II</b></p> <p><b>Cat. III</b></p>
<p><b>Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics</b>  <i>Choose the “highest” rating if wetland falls into several categorie, and record on p. 1 .</i>          If you answered NO for all types enter “Not Applicable” on p.1.</p>	<p>NA</p>