

**Updated web page links for the
Washington Wetland Rating System for Western Washington**
(As of 1/1/18)

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Information required for documenting a new rare plant location can be found at:
http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/amp_nh_sighting_form.pdf.

Additional information about rare plant locations can be found at:
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPfieldguide>.

Resources to assist in classifying the plant community can be found at:
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPwetlands>.

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D3.1, D 3.2, R3.1, L3.1, L3.2, S3.1, S3.2: To answer this question you will need to access the Department of Ecology's website that lists all the bodies of water that do not meet water quality standards: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/approvedwqa/ApprovedSearch.aspx>.

Map tool: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/waterqualityatlas/map.aspx>.

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D3.3, R3.2, R3.3, L3.3, S3.3: The Department of Ecology's website lists all the bodies of water that have TMDLs:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Total-Maximum-Daily-Load-process/Directory-of-improvement-projects>.

See also:

<https://waecy.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?layers=016d27df46004d138cdda32259787400>.

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D 4.3: If you are unfamiliar with the methods for mapping contributing basins, the procedure is described in a fact sheet by the NRCS, *How to Read a Topographic Map and Delineate a Watershed*: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs144p2_014819.pdf.

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R2.2, R5.2: Maps of UGAs and urban areas can be found at:

<http://wsdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=6357d05c56fb40e6a183e6cd67436153>.

Users may also access city and UGA boundaries on the Washington Coastal Atlas Map:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/coastalatlas/tools/Map.aspx>.

R2.2, 2.3, 5.3:

Additional resources for mapping the contributing basin include:

- Washington Coastal Atlas Map:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/coastalatlas/tools/Map.aspx>
- StreamStats: <https://water.usgs.gov/osw/streamstats/>.

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R2.3:

Additional resources for land cover mapping in western Washington include NOAA C-CAP land cover atlas: <https://coast.noaa.gov/ccapatlas/>.

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Plants on slopes will reduce peak flows and the velocity of water during a storm event (U.S. Geological Service, <https://water.usgs.gov/edu/urbaneffects.html>, accessed January 2018)

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For information on plants, contact the Natural Heritage Program at Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR): <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPlists>.

Is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by WDNR (See question SC 2.0 under Wetlands with Special Characteristics; Chapter 6): <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPwetlandviewer>.

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More up-to-date information may be available on the WNHP website:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPwetlandviewer>

The latest list of land sections with such wetlands is available on the WDNR website:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPdata>

Contact information is also available at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/natural-heritage-program>.

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SC 2.3 Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland?
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPdata> or <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPwetlandviewer>

SC 2.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV) Revised Key

SC 2.1. Is the wetland listed by WDNR as a Wetland of High Conservation Value?¹

Yes = **Category 1** No – Go to **SC 2.2**

SC 2.2 Does the wetland have a rare plant species, rare plant community, or high-quality common plant community that may qualify the site as a WHCV²?

Yes = **Submit the site to WA Natural Heritage Program**

(see pg. 6 for instructions)

No = **Not a WHCV**

¹Use WDNR-NHP WHCV map viewer (link:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPwetlandviewer>) to determine if the WDNR-NHP lists the wetland as a WHCV **OR** check to see if wetland is listed in a section/township/range that contains a Wetland of High Conservation Value (=Natural Heritage Wetland, <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPdata>), and if so, contact WDNR-NHP for additional details: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/natural-heritage-program>.

²Contact WDNR-NHP for resources to help determine the presence of these elements.