

# Wetland Assessment – Biologist's checklist

Associated Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_

*This checklist must be filled out by the qualified expert and submitted with the wetland assessment. **No assessments/reports will be accepted over the counter without this sheet completed, signed, and record.***

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualified Expert Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>General Requirements for <u>all</u> Critical Area Assessments (CCC19.15.090(F)(2))</b>		
<b>Expert's Initials</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Notes, Other Information</b>
	<b>Site Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To scale, north arrow, and property line dimensions</li> <li>Locations and dimensions of all existing and proposed development or alterations</li> <li>Additional information as required for specific critical area types (see below)</li> </ul>
	<b>Accuracy Statement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A statement specifying the accuracy of the report, and all assumptions made and relied upon</li> </ul>
	<b>Alternative Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of site development alternatives, including a no development alternative</li> </ul>
	<b>Mitigation Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As needed to offset impacts</li> <li>Mitigation standards found in CCC 19.15.170</li> <li>Specific mitigation standards specific to critical area type (see below)</li> </ul>

## Specific Requirements for Wetland Assessments (CCC19.15.120(B), (C), and (D))

Expert's Initials	Component	Required Elements
	<b>Site Plan/Map</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of all wetlands and buffers within 300 feet</li> <li>• Identification of all shorelines areas, water features, and other critical areas and related buffers within 300 feet of the project area;</li> <li>• Identification of existing and proposed development, including structures, drainfield and reserve areas, fill/grade areas, and vegetation disturbance</li> <li>• Topographic elevations at 2-foot contours (<i>subdivision proposals only</i>)</li> </ul>
	<b>Project Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed description of all elements of the project under review</li> </ul>
	<b>Wetland Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing wetland acreage</li> <li>• Vegetative and hydrologic characteristics</li> <li>• Soil and substrate characteristics</li> <li>• Discussion of water sources supplying the wetland, and documentation of hydrologic regime</li> <li>• Discussion of measures, including avoidance and minimization proposed to preserve existing wetlands or compensate for wetland impacts</li> <li>• Discussion on how the development activities and/or mitigation proposal meets development standards and mitigation performance standards for the wetland category</li> </ul>
	<b>Wetland Ratings Forms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetland must be rated according to the Washington State Department of Ecology wetland rating system (Ecology Publication No. 14-06-029, r as revised)</li> </ul>
	<b>Mitigation Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Any proposal impacting a wetland or wetland buffer must include a mitigation plan submitted as part of the wetland delineation.</u> Guidance for wetland mitigation, buffer flexibility, and required elements for mitigation plans can be found in the critical areas ordinance under the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>CCC 19.15.170:</b> General mitigation plan requirements</li> <li>○ <b>CCC 19.15.120(D):</b> Additional compensatory mitigation requirements and mitigation ratios for wetland</li> <li>○ <b>CCC 19.15.120(C)(7):</b> Wetland buffer widths, buffer flexibility, and impact minimization</li> </ul> </li> </ul>