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Pierce County Planning & Public Works
2401 S. 35th St., Rm. 2
Tacoma, WA 98409

Single-Family Wetland Certification

Application Number _____

Grantor*/Property Owner(s): _____

Grantee*: Pierce County

*The terms "grantor" and "grantee" are for indexing purposes only.

Tax parcel number(s): _____

Abbreviated legal description: Section _____, Township _____ North, Range _____ East/West

Property Owner(s): _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wetland Specialist: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Site Review _____

Project Description:

List all regulated activities proposed per PCC 18E.20.020 Development Regulations - Critical Areas:

Land Use Intensity: Moderate (one unit/acre or less) High (greater than one unit/acre)

Wetland Buffer Calculation (reference PCC 18E.30.070 – Appendix F)

Category _____ Base buffer _____ Habitat Score _____

Water Quality improvement score _____

Other Wetland characteristics:

Buffer width adjustment to base buffer (+/-) _____ Final Buffer width _____

Certification by Wetland Specialist:

A. No Wetlands (Completed form need not be recorded with the Auditor.)

I, _____ of _____
(Wetland Specialist) (Company)

certify that no jurisdictional wetland is located within 315 feet of any proposed regulated activity associated with this single-family development, as indicated on the attached site plan, and as submitted as part of the building permit application for the above-referenced property.

OR

B. Wetlands Present (Completed form must be recorded with the Auditor.)

I, _____ of _____
(Wetland Specialist) (Company)

certify that a jurisdictional wetland is present within 315 feet of a proposed regulated activity associated with this single-family development, as indicated on the attached site plan, and as submitted as part of the building permit application for the above-referenced property. The wetland is a Category _____ wetland determined using the Department of Ecology Rating Form (pub.# 14-06-029). I further certify that all proposed regulated activities will be outside of the wetland, the required _____ foot buffer, and a 15-foot building setback, as indicated on the attached site plan.

Signature: _____
(Wetland Specialist)

Date signed: _____

Acceptance by Property Owner:

NOTE: The property owner is responsible for compliance with all wetland regulations, including installation and maintenance of required mitigation, and including errors by the wetland specialist.

I/we, _____, Property Owner(s), understand that I am/we are responsible for the accuracy of this form. I/we understand that all regulated activities must occur outside of any wetland and buffer areas shown on the attached site plan.

I/we also understand that Pierce County reserves the right to enter the above-referenced property to confirm the accuracy of this form and that I am/we are responsible for correcting any identified inaccuracies, including but not limited to, providing mitigation for impacts to wetland or buffer areas.

I/we also understand that my development must still meet all other applicable state and federal wetland regulations.

Signature: _____ Date signed: _____
(Property Owner/s)

Notary:

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
County of Pierce)

On this day personally appeared before me _____, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, _____.

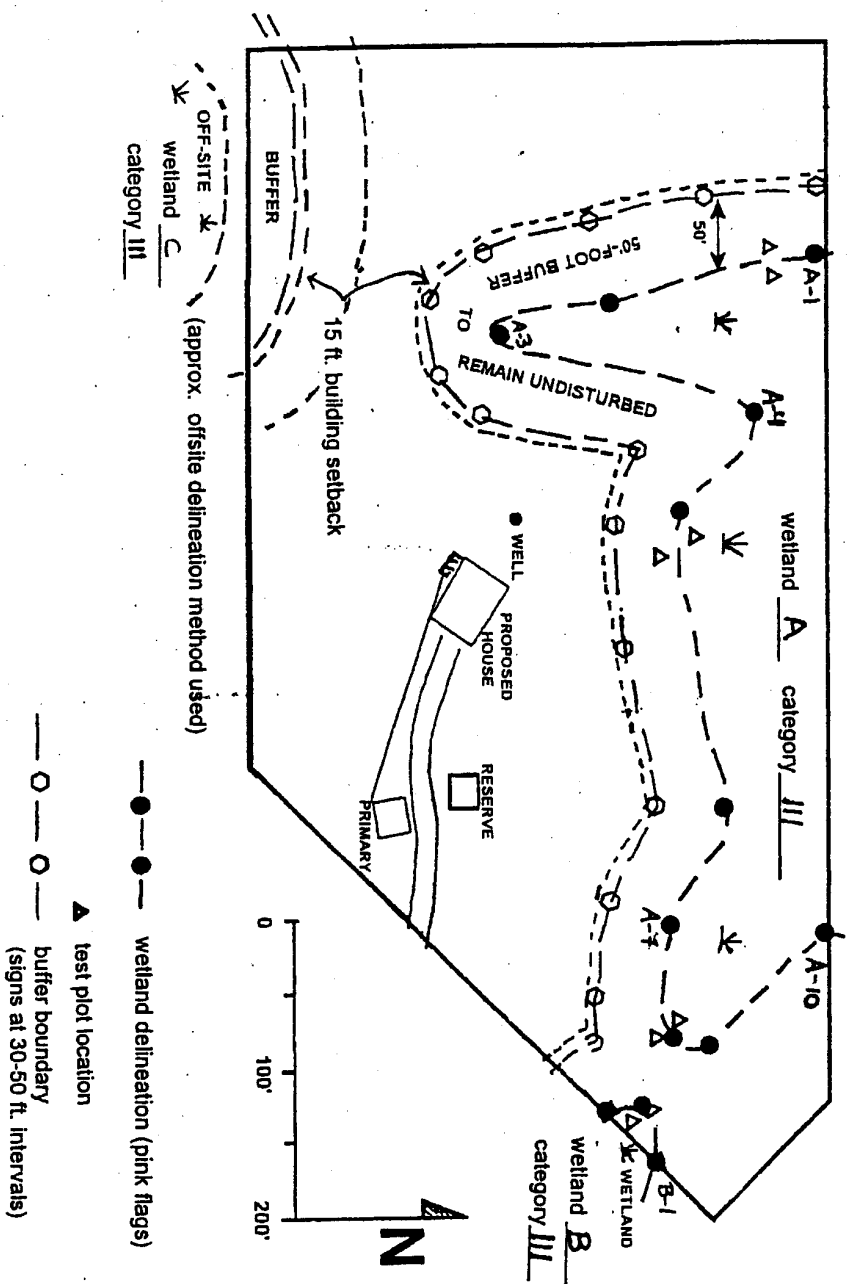
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington,
Residing at: _____
Commission expires: _____

EXAMPLE

Wetland Specialist Signature _____

Date _____

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A SURVEY. A MORE ACCURATE MAP MAY BE PREPARED BY HAVING THE WETLAND BOUNDARY DELINEATED AND SURVEYED.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. This Certification Form shall only be used if all proposed regulated activities are outside of any wetland and/or wetland buffer. The form is not to be used for any other type of critical area.
2. This Certification Form is only to be used for septic and well permits, one-family dwellings and associated features such as a garage, lawn and residential landscape features, constructed or installed within one year of the date of this form. This certification shall not be used to construct or develop pole barns, corrals, riding arenas, motorcycle tracks, pasture areas, or accessory dwelling units.
3. A single-family wetland certification may only be used one time for one single-family residence and one detached garage.
4. This Certification Form does not serve as a Wetland Approval and shall not be used to obtain a waiver pursuant to Section 18E.10.070 D.3.f.
5. This Certification Form shall not be used for purposes of reducing a land use intensity rating from "High" to "Moderate" pursuant to Section 18E.30.060 B.1. An applicant wishing to pursue this must complete formal single-family wetland review as defined within Section 18E.30.030 C.2.
6. The following activities are regulated (unless exempted by Section 18E.20.030):
 - Removing, excavating, disturbing, or dredging soil, sand, gravel, minerals, organic matter, or materials of any kind
 - Dumping, discharging or filling
 - Draining, flooding or disturbing the water level or water table. In addition, an activity which involves intentional draining, flooding or disturbing the water level or water table in a wetland or stream, in which the activity itself occurs outside the regulated area, shall be considered a regulated activity
 - Driving piling or placing obstructions, including placement of utilities
 - Constructing, reconstructing, demolishing, or altering the size of any structure or infrastructure
 - Altering the character of a regulated area by destroying or altering vegetation through clearing, harvesting, cutting, intentional burning, shading, or planting
 - Activities which result in significant changes in water temperature or physical or chemical characteristics of wetland or stream water sources, including changes in quantity of water and pollutant levels
 - Application of pesticides, fertilizers and/or other chemicals, unless demonstrated not to be harmful to the regulated area
 - The division or redivision of land pursuant to Title 18F, PCC and boundary line adjustments
 - The creation of impervious surfaces
7. A site plan at a scale of not less than 1" = 100' (for example 1" = 100', 1" = 50', 1" = 20') must accompany all Certification Forms. The site plan must clearly show property lines, existing and proposed improvements, clearing limits, and any wetlands, streams, and/or their buffers on site or within 315 feet of the proposal. **The site plan must include a bar scale and is to be signed and dated by the private wetland specialist.**
8. If there are regulated wetland buffers within 315 feet of the proposed activity, the following actions must be completed prior to Certification Form submittal:
 - a. The Wetland Specialist must place wetland buffer signs at the edge of the buffer.
 - b. The Wetland Specialist must complete and sign a declaration of buffer posting. The declaration is to be submitted to PALS along with the Certification Form.
 - c. Prior to its submittal, the completed Certification Form must be recorded at the Pierce County Auditor's Office in accordance with Sections 18E.30.030 C.1.g.

Valid for one year from date of wetland specialist's signature