

WAC 25-48-044 Penalties—Adjustments. (1) The state archaeologist or the assistant state archaeologist may decrease the penalty imposed under WAC 25-48-041(3) for the first or second violation upon a determination, supported by specific findings based on the following factors, that the circumstances of the violation warrant a lesser penalty:

(a) Whether the respondent's act or acts resulted in actual or potential harm to an archaeological site, resource, or object, or to human remains;

(b) Whether the respondent's act or acts involve more than one human remains, the damage or disintegration of human remains, or the use of human remains for profit or other financial gain;

(c) Whether the notice of violation encompasses multiple acts that constitute separate violations of this chapter or chapter 27.53 RCW;

(d) Whether the respondent's act or acts reasonably appear to be part of a pattern of the same or similar conduct, whether or not that conduct previously resulted in any state or federal sanction;

(e) Whether the respondent voluntarily disclosed or reported an act or acts constituting a violation of this chapter or chapter 27.53 RCW;

(f) Whether the respondent voluntarily takes remedial measures to provide increased protection for an archaeological site, resource, or object or for human remains;

(g) Whether the respondent voluntarily takes measures to reduce the likelihood the violation will be repeated.

(2) The state archaeologist or the assistant state archaeologist may negotiate an agreed settlement of the penalty with the respondent, on such terms and for such reasons as the state archaeologist or the assistant state archaeologist deems appropriate. Any prior negotiated settlement may be considered by the state archaeologist or the assistant state archaeologist in determining the appropriate penalty for a subsequent violation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 27.34.220, 27.53.140, 43.21C.120. WSR 06-06-001, § 25-48-044, filed 2/15/06, effective 3/18/06.]