

**WAC 242-03-340 Board consultation of critical areas expert. (1)**

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.172(2), the board may retain scientific or other expert advice to assist in reviewing a petition that involves critical areas. When the board has determined that such advice is necessary or will be of substantial assistance in reaching its decision, the board shall promptly notify the parties of the proposed scope of the consultation.

(2) Upon receiving the report of the consulted expert, the board shall provide all parties a copy of the report and a statement of the expert's qualifications.

(3) Any party may, within fourteen days, file objections to the qualifications or impartiality of the expert or to the substance of the report.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 36.70A.270(7). WSR 11-13-109, § 242-03-340, filed 6/21/11, effective 7/22/11.]