

WAC 173-700-316 Considerations for determining high quality wetland systems. The department shall determine whether a site is a high quality wetland system including, but not limited to:

- (1) Wetlands with special characteristics including:
 - (a) Estuarine wetlands;
 - (b) Natural Heritage wetlands;
 - (c) Bogs;
 - (d) Old-growth and mature forested wetlands;
 - (e) Interdunal wetlands;
 - (f) Vernal pools; and
 - (g) Alkali wetlands.
- (2) Bog-like wetlands, aspen-dominated wetlands, camas prairie wetlands, and marine water with eelgrass beds.
- (3) Category I wetlands (Washington state wetland rating system, 2004 or as amended).
- (4) Category II wetlands with a habitat score > 29 points (Washington state wetland rating system, 2004 or as amended).

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 90.84 RCW. WSR 09-19-013 (Order 04-13), § 173-700-316, filed 9/3/09, effective 10/4/09.]