

Summary of Changes

Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas- 19.300

- Shoreline (Type S), water dependent uses, and other shoreline references removed.
- Purpose [19.300.305]. Added an intent to “Avoid and minimize human and wildlife conflicts through planning and implementation of wildlife corridors where feasible.”
- Streams [19.300.310(B)(1)]. Added statement (per state code), that other stream maps, in addition to those published by the WA Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), should be considered.
- Provision for Decreasing Buffer [19.300.315(A)(3)]. Similar to 19.200 Wetlands, minimum administrative buffer reductions are no longer supported for up to 50% of the buffer width, but rather now **25%**. Clarifies that a buffer reduction greater than 25% for single-family dwellings would be a Type II review (requires notification), all others would still have a Variance option.
- Bald Eagles [19.300.315(B)]. Habitat Management Plans for Bald Eagles are no longer approved through WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, but must still comply with the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. This is already in effect, so this change is for consistency.
- Stream Crossings [19.300.315(D)]. Added the encouraged use of the WDFW Water Crossing Design Guidelines.
- Agricultural Restrictions and Trails [19.300.315 (G) and (H)]. Similar changes as those to the Wetland sections above [19.200.225(B) and 19.200.225(F), respectively]. See Wetlands; same.
- Bank Stabilization [19.300.315 (J)]. This section was previously used for marine and freshwater shorelines. Edits made to remove shoreline terms (feeder bluff; shoreline) with freshwater only equivalents (channel migration zones; bank).