

# WSDOT SENSITIVE AREAS NAMING CONVENTIONS

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Wetland and other sensitive sites must be well-marked on all plan sheets to prevent any potential confusion between sensitive areas and other project areas. Plan sheets must not only be clear to those involved in creating them, but must also be explicitly obvious to a non-WSDOT construction crew on the ground years later.<sup>1</sup>

## Wetland Identification

Wetlands will be identified alphanumerically using the character W followed by the wetland number, e.g., W1, W2, and so on. If additional resources are located, they will be identified by adding an additional letter designation within the previously identified sequence, e.g., W1(a). This convention will allow the plan reader to easily identify generally where the wetland lies on the project corridor. Individual flags placed to delineate the wetland boundary will be marked with the alphanumeric identification, plus a numeral in sequence from 1 to the end of the loop. Delineation flags would be typically identified as W1-1, W1-2, etc.

On the contract plans the entire name will be spelled out, i.e. "Wetland 1".

## Regulatory Wetland Soil Pits

Wetland soil pits will be denoted using a combination of the wetland alphanumeric identifier and the soil pit number; i.e. W1-SP1, W1-SP2, W2-SP1, W2-SP2, etc.

## Streams

Streams will be identified on the contract plans using (in order of preference) 1) a mapped naming convention, or 2) a local name. If naming conventions are not available, the WRIA number will be used. If a WRIA number is not available, a subset (a, b, c, etc.) of the closest assigned stream will be used; i.e. WRIA 04-0207(a).

## Lakes

Lakes will be identified on the contract plans using the mapped naming convention.

## Ordinary High Water Mark

Ordinary High Water Mark will be denoted using the convention OHWM 1,2,3 etc. Delineation flags would be typically identified as OHWM 1-1, OHWM 1-2, etc.

## Wetland Mitigation Sites

Mitigation sites will also be identified on the contract plans using alphanumeric characters (WMSA, WMSB...). On the contract plans the entire name will be spelled out, i.e. Wetland Mitigation Site A, B, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Follow this naming convention unless advised differently by your Project Manager.