



Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

# SINGLE-FAMILY WETLAND CERTIFICATION

Review Fee \$200.00

Planning and Land Services Department     Tacoma Pierce County Health Department

Accepted By\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Accuracy not verified by Pierce County.

1. This Certification shall only be used if all proposed regulated activities are outside of any wetland and/or wetland buffer. The form is not to be used for any other type of critical area.
  2. This Certification is only to be used for septic and well permits, one-family dwellings and associated features such as a garage, lawn and residential landscape features, constructed or installed within one year of the date of this form. This certification shall not be used to construct or develop pole barns, corrals, riding arenas, motorcycle tracks, pasture areas, or accessory dwelling units. A single-family wetland certification may only be used one time for one single-family residence and one detached garage.
  3. This Certification Form does not serve as a Wetland Approval and shall not be used to obtain a waiver pursuant to Section 18E.30.030 A.
  4. This Certification Form shall not be used for purposes of reducing a land use intensity rating from "High" to "Moderate" pursuant to Section 18E.30.060 B.1. An applicant wishing to pursue this must complete formal single-family wetland review as defined within Section 18E.30.030 C.2.
  5. The following activities are regulated within wetlands, critical fish and wildlife habitat areas, aquifer recharge areas, landslide hazard areas, erosion hazard areas, flood hazard areas, and/or their buffers unless exempted by Section 18E.20.030:
    - Removing, excavating, disturbing, or dredging soil, sand, gravel, minerals, organic matter, or materials of any kind;
    - Dumping, discharging or filling;
    - Draining, flooding or disturbing the water level or water table. In addition, an activity which involves intentional draining, flooding or disturbing the water level or water table in a wetland or stream, in which the activity itself occurs outside the regulated area, shall be considered a regulated activity;
    - Driving piling or placing obstructions, including placement of utilities;
    - Constructing, reconstructing, demolishing, or altering the size of any structure or infrastructure;
    - Altering the character of a regulated area by destroying or altering vegetation through clearing, harvesting, cutting, intentional burning, shading, or planting;
    - Activities which result in significant changes in water temperature or physical or chemical characteristics of wetland or stream water sources, including changes in quantity of water and pollutant levels;
    - Application of pesticides, fertilizers and/or other chemicals, unless demonstrated not to be harmful to the regulated area;
    - The division or redivision of land pursuant to Title 16, PCC and boundary line adjustments; and
    - The creation of impervious surfaces.
  6. A site plan at a scale of not less than 1":100' (for example 1":100', 1":75', 1":20') must accompany all certification forms. The site plan must clearly show property lines, existing and proposed improvements, clearing limits, and any wetlands, streams, and/or their buffers on site or within 315 feet of the proposal (see example attached site plan). **The site plan must include a bar scale and is to be signed and dated by the private wetland specialist.**
  7. **If there are regulated wetland buffers within 315 of the proposed activity, the following actions must be completed prior to certification form submittal:**
    - a. The Wetland Specialist must place wetland buffer signs at the edge of the buffer.
    - b. The Wetland Specialist must complete and sign an affidavit of buffer posting. The affidavit is to be submitted along with the certification form.
    - c. Prior to its submittal, the completed certification form must be recorded at the Pierce County Auditor's Office in accordance with Sections 18E.10.070 F. and 18E.10.140--Appendix B.
- VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF SPECIALIST'S SIGNATURE.**

1. PROPERTY OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. WETLAND SPECIALIST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Site Review \_\_\_\_\_

3. LOCATION OF PROJECT:  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter \_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_ Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size of Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Directions to property from major roadway:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:  
List all regulated activities proposed per Section 18E.20.020 of Title 18E  
Development Regulations - Critical Areas:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. LAND USE INTENSITY:  
MODERATE (ONE UNIT/ACRE OR LESS) \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH (GREATER THAN ONE UNIT/ACRE) \_\_\_\_\_

6. WETLAND BUFFER CALCULATION (REFERENCE SECTION 18E.30.070 – APPENDIX F)  
CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_ BASE BUFFER \_\_\_\_\_ HABITAT SCORE \_\_\_\_\_ WATER QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT SCORE \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER WETLAND CHARACTERISTIC:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
BUFFER WIDTH ADJUSTMENT TO BASE BUFFER (+/-) \_\_\_\_\_ FINAL BUFFER WIDTH \_\_\_\_\_

**This process is intended to assist the single-family property owner, but it must be noted that the property owner is responsible for any errors committed by the biologist, for complying with all wetland regulations, and for providing mitigation if damage occurs to wetlands or buffers.**

CERTIFICATION:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Wetland Specialist) (Company)

hereby certify that no jurisdictional wetland is located within 315 feet of any proposed regulated activity associated with this single-family development, as indicated on the attached site plan and as submitted as part of the building permit or Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department application for the above-referenced property.

**OR**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Wetland Specialist) (Company)

hereby certify that a jurisdictional wetland is present within 315 feet of a proposed regulated activity associated with this single-family development, as indicated on the attached site plan and as submitted as part of the building permit or Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department application for the above-referenced property. The wetland is a Category \_\_\_\_ wetland as determined using The Department of Ecology Rating Form (pub.# 04-06-025). I also certify that all proposed regulated activities will be outside of the wetland, the required \_\_\_\_\_ foot buffer, and 15-foot building setback, as indicated on the enclosed site plan.\*

ACCEPTANCE:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Property Owner) understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of this form. I understand that all regulated activities must occur outside of any wetland and buffer areas shown on the attached site plan. I also understand that Pierce County reserves the right to enter the above-referenced property to confirm the accuracy of this form and that I am responsible for correcting any identified inaccuracies, including but not limited to, providing mitigation for impacts to wetland or buffer areas. I also understand that my development must still meet all other applicable state and federal wetland regulations.

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Wetland Specialist) (Property Owner)

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Prior to submittal to Planning and Land Services or the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, this certification form must be filed with the Pierce County Auditor's Office in accordance with Sections 18E.10.070 F. and 18E.10.140--Appendix B.**