

WETLANDS

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- (1) The goal is to achieve no net loss of wetland functions and values.
 - (a) Wetlands are defined as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.
 - (b) Wetlands shall be identified and delineated in accordance with the *Washington State Wetland Identification and Delineation Manual*.
- (2) Compliance with the requirements of an applicable city or county wetlands protection regulations shall be prima facie evidence of satisfaction of the no net loss standard set forth herein.
- (3) Pursuant to its preemption powers under RCW 80.50.110, the Council may determine that the applicant has demonstrated compliance with this no net loss standard even though the proposed energy facility does not satisfy all of the requirements of the city or county wetlands protection regulations.