



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY PROGRAM
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM)
NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 7/20/2021
 ORM Number: NWS-2021-645
 Associated JDs: N/A
 Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: WA City: Bellingham County/Parish/Borough: Whatcom
 Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 48.789124 Longitude -122.505314

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A
- There are “navigable waters of the United States” within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
- There are “waters of the United States” within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
- There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³			
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):			
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):			
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):			
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District’s list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wetland A	0.16	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	The wetland does not abut an (a)(1) through (3) water; is not inundated by flooding from a paragraph (a)(1) through (3) water in a typical year; is not physically separated from a paragraph (a)(1) through (3) water by a natural berm, bank, dune, or similar natural feature or by an artificial dike, barrier, or similar artificial structure that allows for a direct hydrologic surface connection between the wetlands and the paragraph (a)(1) through (3) water in a typical year. See Section III.C for additional details.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

- Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: [“Wetland and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Assessment Report, West Bakerview Road,”](#) dated April 2021

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A](#)

- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\)](#).
- Photographs: [Aerial and Other: Google Earth aerial and consultant provided site photos](#)
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [Date\(s\)](#).
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [N/A](#)
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>
- USFWS NWI maps: <https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html>
- USGS topographic maps: [USGS Ferndale 7.5 Quad 1994](#)

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
Other USDA data (specify)	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
Other USACE data (specify)	N/A.
State/Local wetland inventory maps	City of Bellingham On-line Map Tool accessed 19 July 2021
Other information (specify)	WDFW Salmonscape (Accessed 19 July 2021)

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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B. Typical year assessment(s): *N/A*

C. Additional comments to support AJD: *The subject property consists of a 6.58-acre two parcel site located at West Bakerview Road in the City of Bellingham, Washington. The subject property abuts West Bakerview Road to the north, Northwest Drive to the west, SpringHill Suites to the south, and an apartment complex to the east. The property is currently undeveloped. A residential property was previously located in the western portion of the site. The surrounding vicinity has been extensively developed for residential and commercial land uses. Topography on the subject property generally slopes downward from the west to the east. West Fork Spring Creek flows through the northwest portion of the eastern parcel. A wetland delineation conducted in January and February of 2021 identified two wetlands on site: one in the western parcel (Wetland A) and one in the eastern parcel (Wetland B).*

Wetland A is a 0.16 acre PEM/PSS Category IV wetland located approximately 180 feet west of West Fork Spring Creek. The wetland occupies a depression in the landscape. Hydrology for Wetland A is provided by surface sheet flow from adjacent uplands, direct precipitation, and a seasonally high groundwater table. There is no discrete channel connecting the wetland to the creek. Outflow from the wetland during peak rain events may sheetflow downslope across uplands eastward to the creek. The wetland is not within the City of Bellingham mapped floodplain of the creek and there are no intervening natural or man-made berms, etc. separating the wetland from the creek.

Wetland A does not meet the definition of an adjacent wetlands per 33 CFR 328.3(a)(4). No JD request was made for Wetland B or West Fork Spring Creek.