

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations were developed by the WRIA 18 Planning Units in a series of workshops and Planning Unit meetings beginning in early 2001. Some recommendations propose a change to existing law or regulation; where these occur, they should be understood as proposals for consideration by the pertinent governments, as the Plan itself cannot change law or regulation. Recommendations have been grouped in this chapter under several unifying themes:

- Sections 3.1 (Water Quantity), 3.2 (Water Quality) 3.3 (Habitat) and 3.4 (Instream Flows) present recommendations addressing the four elements of 2514 watershed planning. These recommendations apply across WRIA 18.
- Sections 3.5 (Stormwater), 3.6 (Land Use), 3.7 (Public Education and Outreach), and 3.8 (Watershed Management) present additional recommendations that apply broadly across the WRIA.
- Sections 3.9 through 3.16 present recommendations specific to the major drainages and groups of smaller independent subbasins within WRIA 18, and the nearshore marine environment.

Each group of recommendations comprises a series of topics. For each topic, an issue statement is presented, followed by a short summary of existing conditions and current actions related to the issue. More detailed background on existing conditions and current actions can be found in Chapters 1 and 2 of this watershed plan. A series of bullets identifying desired conditions and outcomes follows the statement of existing conditions and current actions. Recommendations addressing the issue are then presented. Where many recommendations address a topic, they may be grouped and short “titles” are often provided to clarify the thrust of a group of recommendations.

Because the WRIA 18 watershed plan is in part an update of the 1994 Dungeness-Quilcene Plan (for the Dungeness River and East WRIA 18), the pertinent DQ Plan recommendations have been incorporated within each topic. The DRMT reviewed the DQ recommendations in developing the watershed plan. Some have been achieved or have become outdated, and these are not incorporated. Others are integrated with recommendations on the same topic that were made in the course of 2514 watershed planning. Some DQ recommendations are incorporated without change and cover topics that were not addressed in the 2514 process; these are footnoted with their original DQ recommendation number.

For the smaller subbasins of WRIA 18, an important background source of recent past recommendations to address habitat, water quality, and flows is often the work of the Limiting Factors Analysis (LFA). The LFA recommendations are referenced in Appendix 3-B for information only for sections of the plan relating to West WRIA 18. They are integral to the plan and included in various sections of Chapter 3 (as well as in the Appendix) for East WRIA 18. Where conflicts between the LFA and the watershed plan may exist, it is recognized that the watershed plan and LFA recommendations would need to be reconciled by the involved jurisdictions on a site-specific basis.

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