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## Memorandum

TO: Lara Kratzer

FROM: Tom Brissenden, Natural Resources

DATE: June 24, 2021

SUBJECT: CA2021-00199; Wetland Delineation Review  
APN 400120052355

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Wetland field demarcation review of a ~7.35 acre site located at 8358 Blaine Rd in Blaine has been completed by PDS staff. The delineation was performed by Katrina Jackson of Northwest Wetlands Consulting, LLC summarized in a "*Critical Areas Assessment*" dated May 29, 2021. The review was of the physically demarcated field boundaries and associated wetland ratings forms.

Staff concurs with the findings of Northwest Wetlands Consulting LLC with the exception of the stream noted on onsite and the adjacent parcel. The stream is identified in the *Critical Areas Assessment* as a non-fish bearing stream in the assessment apparently based off of Forest Practice Activity Mapping Tool per WA DNR. The stream is identified as historically fish bearing per Whatcom County GIS and gradient accessible per WDFW Salmon Scape. The water typing of said stream will need to be verified by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) prior to approval to determine the appropriate buffer and/or regulated currently as a potentially fish bearing stream with a 100 ft. buffer.

The submitted documentation is approved as submitted with the exception of the water typing of the subject stream. At a time of future development proposal, documentation from WDFW may be required if a non-fish stream typing is identified on the application materials.

The wetland boundary and rating is approved for a period of 5 years from the date of this memorandum as documented in aforementioned "*Critical Areas Assessment*", with conditionally approved copy attached.