Draft Water Typing System Rule November 8, 2023

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The current WTR in WAC 222-16-030 has been amended to include Board approved elements from interim rule in WAC 222-16-031 and adds Board approved elements:

- Waters which are off channel habitat
- All department concurred Type F and N Water breaks shown on the water type map are official
- Default physical characteristics

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New rule, WAC 222-16-0301 Verification of fish habitat and the break between Type F and Type N Water has been added to incorporate:

- Fish Habitat Assessment Methodology (FHAM)
- 2 Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) alternatives
 - Specific to the AFF alternative A
 - Definition of non-vertical barrier, vertical barriers
 - Specific to AFF alternative B
 - Definition of a permanent natural obstacle

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New rule, WAC 222-16-0301 Verification of fish habitat and the break between Type F and Type N Water has been added to incorporate:

- 3 Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB) where:
 - PHB Option A proposed for western Washington only
 - PHB Options B and C proposed for state wide application
 - Specific to the PHB options
 - Permanent Natural Obstacle natural non-deformable obstacles
 - Potential Habitat Breaks permanent, distinct, measurable changes in channel or bankfull width, or combination of both