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<p><b>Desired Result of Amendment:</b>            Recognize the presence of fish, amphibian, bird and mammalian species that are locally important to the citizens of Sammamish and provide appropriate protections during site development and following project completion.</p>	

**Amendment Source:**

Best Available Science Report “Streams and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas” by AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

**Best Available Science Support: Supported**

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**Relevant Information (includes technical papers and/or references):**

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[http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/mgmt\\_recommendations/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/mgmt_recommendations/)

**Affected Code Section(s) (includes duplicative and overlapping sections):**

- 21A.50.325 Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas – Development standards

**Public Comment Reference(s):**

35, 118

**Notes:**

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# Specify Species of Concern

# Item 2-1

Ratings are either: large positive (P), small positive (p), neutral, large negative (N), small negative (n)			
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Property	n	Overall Effect	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased flexibility and options for property owner's use of property</li> <li>• Increased predictability for permit applicants and neighbors</li> <li>• Neutral effect on recognition of site improvements and existing uses in standards</li> <li>• Increased expense / time</li> </ul> <p>No additional property restrictions are proposed, however an applicant may be required to provide a wildlife habitat management plan addressing additional species for the habitat areas located on a project site. Predictability is improved for the property owner and adjacent neighbors because the species are identified directly in the regulations. This may result in an additional cost, restrictions, and requirements for the applicant.</p>		<h2>Positive</h2>	

## Evaluation Form

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