



Ratings are either: large positive (P), small positive (p), neutral, large negative (N), small negative (n)			
Environmental	N	Implementation	n
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreased on-site protection of streams</li> <li>Neutral protection of public assets and resources (e.g. streets, water quality)</li> <li>Increased cumulative impacts to streams</li> <li>Decreased potential to restore damaged stream channels</li> <li>Increased chance of damage to streams</li> <li>Neutral potential to damage high quality, unique streams</li> <li>Net loss of stream functions and values</li> </ul> <p>The proposed amendment will decrease the protection of streams, which will result in an increased cumulative impact to streams overall. Regulation of streams based upon flow is not supported by BAS as an approach that accurately reflects the stream’s function and values. Evaluation of flow as the basis for regulation will increase the likelihood of impacts to streams and decrease the opportunities to restore damaged stream channels.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less clear regulations, increased chance for unintended consequences</li> <li>Neutral impact to ability for consistent, efficient implementation by the staff</li> <li>Decreased likelihood of support/approval by other agencies</li> <li>Neutral effect on effective mitigation, harder to monitor</li> </ul> <p>The proposed amendment will introduce an unsupported and currently unknown metric in reviewing stream classifications and as such will decrease the clarity of the regulations. The proposed amendment also increases the chances for unintended consequences. Because flow volumes are not supported by BAS in determining whether a watercourse is a stream, there is a decreased likelihood of support by other agencies.</p>	
Property	Neutral	Overall Effect	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased flexibility and options for property owner’s use of property</li> <li>Decreased predictability for permit applicants and neighbors</li> <li>Neutral effect on recognition of site improvements and existing uses in standards</li> <li>Increase of expense / time</li> </ul> <p>The proposed amendment will likely result in the classification of some watercourses as either a “lower quality” stream or as something other than a stream, which in turn will reduce property owner constraints on the use of their property. Flow rates will change the classification of previously classified streams, which will decrease predictability in the stream protection standards for neighboring properties. Stream evaluation based on the new metric may require additional study to document flows resulting in an increase in time and expense.</p>		<h2>Negative</h2>	