WAC 173-100-010  Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to es-

tablish guidelines, criteria, and procedures for the designation of
groundwater management areas, subareas or zones and to set forth a
process for the development of groundwater management programs for
such areas, subareas, or zones, in order to protect groundwater quali-
ty, to assure groundwater quantity, and to provide for efficient man-
agement of water resources for meeting future needs while recognizing
existing water rights. The intent of this chapter is to forge a part-
nership between a diversity of local, state, tribal and federal inter-
est in cooperatively protecting the state's groundwater resources.

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