WAC 173-183-300  Purpose. The purpose of this section is to es-
tablish a compensation schedule that will provide a simple methodology
for assessing damages to public resources from oil spills into fresh,
marine, and estuarine waters of the state. The intent is to provide an
alternate methodology to the extensive and expensive natural resource
damage assessments presently being conducted following oil spills.
This section provides the procedures for:

(1) Establishing the relative vulnerability of public resources
to oil spills by taking into consideration the relative toxicity of
the oil spilled and the sensitivity of public resources present in the
receiving environment; and

(2) Determining adequate monetary compensation for injury to pub-
lic resources resulting from an oil spill.

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