# Planning standards for wildlife response ([WAC 173-182-540](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-182&full=true#173-182-540))

Plan holders will need to develop a narrative for wildlife response that covers assessment, reconnaissance, deterrence, capture, stabilization, and rehabilitation phases. The plans must include contact information; description of the equipment, personnel, and resources for wildlife response including an initial impact assessment; wildlife reconnaissance via air, land, or water; deterrence equipment; and, supplies for mobile field stabilization activities and reference to the wildlife facility rehabilitation infrastructure. Contingency plans should reference the Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP), and all actions must be conducted in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations and with the Northwest Area Contingency Plan.

**Only in 173-182:** Plans must also include equipment and personnel for whale reconnaissance, contact info, trained observers and a plan.

Wildlife plans should be specific to your contingency plan – they will depend on who your WSRPs and PRCs are, where they operate, what type of wildlife they may impact etc. Approved WRSP and PRC applications may be referenced to partially meet this requirement.