

**Preliminary Draft Changes to the Oil Spill Contingency Plan Rules: Chapter 173-182  
WAC and Chapter 173-186 WAC**

**Date: August 19, 2026**

**For Informal Public Comment and Review**

**Summary of table**

Note that the list of amendments under consideration may change as Ecology gathers more information during the informal comment period.

- The WAC section: This column identifies the specific section(s) of the Washington Administrative Code affected by the proposed change.
- Topic: This column briefly states the subject area or focus of the proposed change.
- Summary of change: This column provides a concise explanation of the proposed change as it relates to the rulemaking scope.
- Status of rule language: This column indicates the current stage of draft rule language related to the change.
- Date added or revised: This column shows when each proposed change was first introduced or most recently updated.

**Chapter 173-182 WAC, Oil Spill Contingency Plan**

| <b>WAC Section</b> | <b>Topic</b>                       | <b>Summary of Change</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Status of rule language</b> | <b>Date added or revised</b> |
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| <b>Throughout</b>  | Minor administrative updates       | Administrative updates include updated references, corrected formatting, minor grammatical edits, and minor wording clarifications. | Second preliminary draft       | August 2026                  |
| <b>Throughout</b>  | Align with modern agency practices | Remove outdated requirements such as facsimile and paper-based submittals.                                                          | Second preliminary draft       | August 2026                  |

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| <b>173-182-030</b>     | Definitions                                                | <p>Update several definitions to align with existing rules.</p> <p>Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p> <p>Remove definitions no longer used in rule.</p> | Second preliminary draft           | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-120</b>     | Submitting a contingency plan                              | <p>Update requirements for submitting a contingency plan to align with existing practice and modernize.</p> <p>Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p>       | Second preliminary draft           | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-130</b>     | Phase in language for vessel and facility plan holders     | <p>Add new phase-in language to reflect other changes to this WAC chapter.</p> <p>Remove prior rulemaking phase-in language in its entirety.</p>                                                                 | Second preliminary draft           | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-140</b>     | Annual plan maintenance                                    | Modernize and make minor edits for clarity.                                                                                                                                                                      | Second preliminary draft           | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-142</b>     | Significant changes to approved plans require notification | Clarify requirements to specify required notification timelines, communication methods, and related procedural details.                                                                                          | Second preliminary draft           | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-150</b>     | Post-spill review and documentation procedures                                                      | Make minor edits to clarify existing requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-210</b>     | Contingency plan format requirements                                                                | Modernize.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-230</b>     | Contingency plan general content                                                                    | Amend existing requirements to ensure responders can quickly evaluate the potential behavior and environmental impacts of nonfloating oils (NFOs) while maintaining safety.<br><br>Clarify existing requirements to align with Ecology expectations and current practices. | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-232</b>     | Requirements for vessel umbrella plans maintaining additional agreements for supplemental resources | Clarify language and remove narrative content.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-240</b>     | Field document                                                                                      | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-242</b> | Additional requirements for vessel plan holders with access to the emergency response system at Neah Bay | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                             | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-250</b> | Initial response actions                                                                                 | Update requirements to align with Ecology expectations.                                              | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-260</b> | Notification and call-out procedures                                                                     | Update requirements to align with Ecology expectations and current practices.                        | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-262</b> | Vessel notification requirements for a discharge or substantial threat of a discharge                    | Update requirements to align with Ecology expectations and current practices.                        | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-264</b> | Notification requirements for facility spills to ground or containment that threaten waters of the state | Update requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.           | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-280</b> | Spill management teams                                                                                   | Restructure section to eliminate ambiguity and clarify existing requirements.                        | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-317</b> | Covered vessel planning standards for vessels of opportunity (VOO)                                       | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule. | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |

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| <b>173-182-320</b>     | Facility planning standards for aerial surveillance | Remove section to consolidate aerial surveillance planning standards for all plan holders at 173-182-321.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-321</b>     | Planning standards for aerial surveillance          | <p>Consolidate aerial surveillance planning standards for all plan holders in this section.</p> <p>Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p> <p>Incorporate Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS) as an optional response tool in low visibility environments.</p> | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-345</b>     | Determining effectiveness of recovery systems       | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-348</b>     | Determining effective daily recovery capacity       | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-349</b>     | Plan holder technical manual requirements          | <p>Amend existing requirements for technical manuals to include equipment and tactics for non-floating oil (NFO) response and to ensure responders can quickly evaluate the potential behavior and environmental impacts of NFO while maintaining safety.</p> <p>Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p> | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-350</b>     | Documenting compliance with the planning standards | <p>Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p> <p>Incorporate updates to align with modern agency practices and recent updates to related rules.</p>                                                                                                                                                         | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-395</b>     | Neah Bay staging area                              | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-400</b>     | Copalis, Flattery Rocks and Quillayute Needles planning standard                     | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                 | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-440</b>     | John Day Dam staging area.                                                           | Add standards for covered vessel and facility plan holders that transit or operate on the Columbia River between river mile 190 and 270. | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-510</b>     | Requirements for response and protection strategies                                  | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                     | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-522</b>     | Planning standards for shoreline cleanup                                             | Incorporate Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) into current planning standards for shoreline cleanup.                         | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-535</b>     | Planning standards for air monitoring to protect oil spill responders and the public | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                     | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-540</b>     | Planning standards for wildlife response                                             | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                     | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-610</b>     | Plan evaluation criteria                                                       | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                                                                                                                        | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-620</b>     | Alternative method of evaluating planning standards                            | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                                                                                                                        | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-630</b>     | Process for plan approval                                                      | Update existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity, improve consistent application of the rule, and reflect current practices.                                                                                                             | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-640</b>     | Process for public notice and opportunity for public review and comment period | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                                                                                                                        | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-700</b>     | Drill participation, scheduling, and evaluation                                | <p>Update drill requirements to align with existing rules.</p> <p>Strengthen existing drill requirements for NFO responses.</p> <p>Strengthen existing drill requirements for Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) deterrence tactics.</p> | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-710</b>     | Type and frequency of drills                                                                                           | Update drill requirements to align with existing rules.<br><br>Strengthen existing drill requirements for NFO responses. | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-720</b>     | Drill evaluation criteria                                                                                              | Clarify language to align with existing rules.                                                                           | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-730</b>     | Other ways to get drill credit                                                                                         | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                    | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-800</b>     | Primary response contractor (PRC) application                                                                          | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                     | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-810</b>     | Content submittal and review of primary response contractor (PRC) applications                                         | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                     | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |
| <b>173-182-840</b>     | Content submittal and review of spill management team (SMT) and wildlife response service provider (WRSP) applications | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                     | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                              |

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| <b>173-182-910</b> | Noncompliance          | <p>Update requirements to align with existing rules.</p> <p>Consolidate regulations in this section for this topic area for all plan holders.</p> <p>Remove duplicative language pre-existing in Washington law (RCW).</p> | Second preliminary draft   | August 2026                    |
| <b>173-182-920</b> | Operation without plan | Remove section to consolidate regulations at 173-182-910 for all plan holders.                                                                                                                                             | Second preliminary draft   | August 2026                    |

## Chapter 173-186 WAC, Oil Spill Contingency Plan – Railroad

| WAC Section        | Topic                              | Summary of Change                                                                                                                   | Status of rule language                                                       | Date added or revised |
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| Throughout         | Minor administrative updates       | Administrative updates include updated references, corrected formatting, minor grammatical edits, and minor wording clarifications. | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026           |
| Throughout         | Align with modern agency practices | Remove outdated requirements such as facsimile and paper-based submittals.                                                          | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026           |
| <b>173-186-010</b> | Purpose                            | Update language to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                                          | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026           |
| <b>173-186-020</b> | Applicability                      | Update language to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                                          | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026           |
| <b>173-186-030</b> | Authority                          | Update authority citations.                                                                                                         | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026           |

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| <b>173-186-040</b>     | Definitions                            | <p>Update several definitions to align with existing rules.</p> <p>Remove duplicative definitions incorporated by reference from WAC 173-182-030.</p> <p>Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p> | Second preliminary draft               | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-110</b>     | Submitting a railroad contingency plan | <p>Update requirements to align with existing practice and modernize.</p> <p>Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.</p>                                                                             | Second preliminary draft               | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-120</b>     | Phase-in dates for this chapter        | <p>Add new phase-in language to reflect other changes to this WAC chapter.</p> <p>Remove prior rulemaking phase-in language in its entirety.</p>                                                                                                     | Second preliminary draft               | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-130</b>     | Annual plan maintenance                | Modernize.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Second preliminary draft               | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-140</b>     | Significant changes to approved plans  | Clarify requirements to specify required notification timelines, communication methods, and related procedural details.                                                                                                                              | Second preliminary draft               | August 2026                          |

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| <b>173-186-150</b> | Post-spill review and documentation procedures | Make minor edits to clarify existing requirements.                                                                            | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-160</b> | Plan implementation procedures                 | Make minor edits to clarify existing requirements.                                                                            | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-180</b> | Noncompliance                                  | Update requirements to remove language already in statute (RCW).                                                              | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-200</b> | Contingency plan format requirements (Type A)  | Modernize.                                                                                                                    | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-210</b> | Binding agreement (Type A)                     | Clarify existing requirements to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                      | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-220</b> | Contingency plan general content (Type A)      | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity, improve consistent application of the rule, and align with WAC 173-182. | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |

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| <b>173-186-230</b>     | Field document (Type A)                                       | Update requirements to align with existing rules.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-300</b>     | Planning standards (Type A)                                   | Update language to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-310</b>     | Equipment planning standards (Type A)                         | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-320</b>     | Maintenance records for oil spill response equipment (Type A) | Update language to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-330</b>     | Planning standards for spills of nonfloating oils (Type A)    | <p>Amend existing requirements to ensure responders can quickly evaluate the potential behavior and environmental impacts of NFO while maintaining safety.</p> <p>Clarify existing requirements to align with Ecology expectations and current practices.</p> | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |

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| <b>173-186-340</b> | Planning standards for in situ burning (Type A)                                           | Update requirements to align with existing rules and eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                   | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-350</b> | Planning standards for shoreline cleanup (Type A)                                         | Incorporate Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) into current planning standards for shoreline cleanup.<br><br>Align shoreline cleanup standards with WAC 173-182. | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-370</b> | Planning standards for wildlife response (Type A)                                         | Update existing requirements to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                                                                     | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-380</b> | Documenting compliance with the planning standards (Type A)                               | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                                                        | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-400</b> | Plan evaluation criteria and alternative method of evaluating planning standards (Type A) | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                                                        | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-420</b> | Process for plan approval (Type A)                                                        | Update existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity, improve consistent application of the rule, and reflect current practices.                                             | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |

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| <b>173-186-430</b> | Process for public notice and opportunity for public review and comment period (Type A) | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                                                                                                                                                         | Second preliminary draft                                                      | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-500</b> | Drill participation, scheduling, and evaluation (Type A)                                | Update drill requirements to align with existing rules.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-510</b> | Type and frequency of drills (Type A)                                                   | <p>Update drill requirements to align with existing rules.</p> <p>Strengthen existing drill requirements for NFO responses.</p> <p>Strengthen existing drill requirements for wildlife deterrence.</p> <p>Restructure section to align with WAC 173-182.</p> | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-182-520</b> | Drill evaluation criteria (Type A)                                                      | Update language to align with WAC 173-182 and eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |

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| <b>173-182-530</b> | Other ways to get drill credit (Type A)       | Update language to align with WAC 173-182 and eliminate ambiguity.                                                            | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-601</b> | Contingency plan format requirements (Type B) | Modernize.                                                                                                                    | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-602</b> | Binding agreement (Type B)                    | Clarify existing requirements to align with WAC 173-182.                                                                      | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-603</b> | Contingency plan general content (Type B)     | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity, improve consistent application of the rule, and align with WAC 173-182. | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |
| <b>173-186-604</b> | Field document (Type B)                       | Update requirements to align with existing rules.                                                                             | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                  |

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| <b>173-186-710</b>     | Process for plan approval (Type B)                                                      | Update existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity, improve consistent application of the rule, and reflect current practices. | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-720</b>     | Process for public notice and opportunity for public review and comment period (Type B) | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity and improve consistent application of the rule.                            | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-800</b>     | Drill participation, scheduling, and evaluation (Type B)                                | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                           | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-810</b>     | Drill evaluation criteria (Type B)                                                      | Clarify existing requirements to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                           | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |
| <b>173-186-900</b>     | Contingency plan format and content (Type C)                                            | Clarify language to eliminate ambiguity.                                                                                        | Included in second preliminary draft; not included in first preliminary draft | August 2026                          |