



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

***Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Species*
FOR USE TO GUIDE SITE SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT OF PRIORITY SPECIES**

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) *Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Species* do not have regulatory authority. Therefore, the following are recommendations only. This abbreviated version of a chapter in *Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Species: Volume IV* (see http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/phs/vol4/phs_vol4_birds.pdf) has been streamlined for easier application. Where applicable, these recommendations should be put into practice consistently across a landscape to be most effective. The following recommendations are not site-specific. Where available, a professional in a relevant field (e.g., wildlife biologist) should evaluate the site and surrounding landscape when applying these recommendations.

Attach parcel map with species location indicated if available.

General Recommendations

- Route powerlines away from nests wherever possible.
- Strictly protect wetlands (especially intertidal mudflats, estuaries, and coastal marshes) used regularly at any time of the year by peregrine falcons from filling, development, or other excessive disturbances that could alter prey abundance.
- Do not apply pesticides where winter prey species congregate (especially intertidal mudflats, estuaries, and coastal marshes).
- Maintain all large trees and snags in areas where peregrine falcons are known to feed in winter.
- Retain snags and debris located on mud flats for winter perching and roosting.
- Peregrines can tolerate human presence at wintering sites if they are not harassed and if abundant prey remains.
- Avoid applying pesticides around occupied peregrine nests during the breeding season.
- See table below for buffers.

Table. Recommended protective buffers for specified activities.

Activities	Buffer width	Buffer from	Time of Year
Human access along cliff rim	2620'	cliff nest	March – late June ^b
Human activities on face of, or immediately below, nest cliffs	1310-2620'	cliff nest	March – late June ^b
Development of trails, picnic grounds, or other facilities	1310-2620'	cliff nest	year-round ^c
Cliff tops directly above nests should remain undeveloped	N/A	cliff nest	year-round ^c
Review forest practices (i.e., logging) ^a	1310'	any nest	year-round ^c
Review forest practice (i.e., logging) ^a	2620'	any nest/ nesting season	March 1 – June 30 ^b
Aircraft approaches	1640'	nest	March 1 – June 30 ^b

^a Nests occurring within non-forested lands, and those nests not subjected to forest practices or forest practice rules, should be similarly considered through the development of a site-specific peregrine management plan when activities near nests are considered. ^b Seasonal buffer. ^c Permanent buffer.

I have read and understand the above recommendations (s) placed on Parcel # _____ located in the _____ Quarter of _____ Quarter of Section _____, Township _____, Range _____ (East/West meridian) with actual street address of _____.