

**WASHINGTON STATE AND KING COUNTY REGULATIONS REGARDING
DISCONNECTED MIGRATION AREAS**

Evaluation of artificial structures with regard to mapping the Disconnected Migration Areas shall be conducted using criteria based, in part, on the following sections of the Washington Administrative Code (W.A.C.) and King County Code (K.C.C.):

W.A.C. 173-26-221(3):

- “Within incorporated areas and urban growth areas, areas separated from the active river channel by legally existing artificial channel constraints that limit channel movement should not be considered within the channel migration zone.
- All areas separated from the active channel by a legally existing artificial structure(s) that is likely to restrain channel migration, including transportation facilities, built above or constructed to remain intact through the one hundred-year flood, should not be considered to be within the channel migration zone.
- In areas outside of the incorporated municipalities and urban growth areas, channel constraints and flood control structures built below the one hundred-year flood elevation do not necessarily restrict channel migration and should not be considered to limit the channel migration zone unless demonstrated otherwise using scientific or technical information.”

K.C.C. 21A.24.274.C.4: The channel migration zone study...

“May exclude areas from the channel migration zone that lie behind a lawfully established flood protection structure that is maintained by existing programs for public maintenance, transportation infrastructure, or other constructed feature if it is built above the elevation of the one hundred-year flood or if scientific or technical information otherwise demonstrate that the flood protection structure is not within the CMZ.”