

WA State Flood Hazard Management Statutes and Rules

Topic	Chapter		
	86.12 RCW	86.16 RCW	86.26 RCW
Title	Flood Control by Counties	Floodplain Management	State Participation in Flood Control Maintenance
Supporting WAC		173-158 WAC	173-145 WAC
Focus	Authorizes counties to undertake flood control planning and actions.	State regulatory & Administration of NFIP program.	Funding assistance to local floodplain management activities (FCAAP). (Note: Funding is limited to emergency projects at this time.)
Administering Agency	Counties	Ecology, FEMA, local government	Ecology
Planning Requirement	Identifies scope and process for counties to adopt a Comprehensive Flood Control Management Plan (CFCMP).	Floodplain Management Ordinance in accordance with NFIP and specific WA requirements.	CFCMP required (or in process) to receive FCAAP funds.
Planning Area	Allows basin wide plan within and outside political jurisdiction.	Special flood hazard within the jurisdiction.	At a minimum, 100-year floodplain.
Intergovernmental Coordination	Outlines intergovernmental coordination procedures.	Each local government does their own ordinance.	Governments are encouraged to combine efforts in order to consider watershed.
Typical Flood Management Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authorizes taxes, use of eminent domain & construction - Purchase of properties - Restrictions to land clearing - Comprehensive flood protection improvements - Alternatives to structural measures must be considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floodplain management ordinance to regulate land use - Public facility location - Flood proofing 	FCAAP funds may be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing Flood Hazard Management Plans - Feasibility studies - Structural improvements - Non-structural improvements