

3	Agricultural drainage: Field drainage (Updated after September 2017 board meeting)		
	<p>Drainage infrastructure and ditches in the Bertrand WID are actively and effectively maintained.</p>	<p><u>Goal statement (a):</u> Regular, scheduled drainage maintenance in the Bertrand WID area occurs under programmatic permits, in collaboration with CDID#1 & DID#2, with mitigation as required and using approved Best Management Practices. <u>Progress could be measured by:</u> % of agricultural land requiring field drainage in the Bertrand WID:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that is covered by programmatic permits for drainage maintenance; • where drainage infrastructure and ditches have been maintained and repaired as needed. 	<p><u>Recently completed or ongoing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identified priority drainage problem areas for Ag-Watershed Characterization and Mapping report (Jan 2016 work session) – see agricultural enhancement tables in Appendix B of this document, also Table 4 and Figure 7 of this Preliminary Plan. ii. Ditch maintenance on Guide Meridian carried out by WADoT at the request of the WID (3/2017 work session). <p><u>Priority actions for management plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Pursue programmatic 5-year drainage permit(s) with assistance from the Whatcom Conservation District* (8/2016, 4/2017) iv. Proactively identify locations for mitigation sites and mitigation actions (e.g. culvert replacement, riparian vegetation) to be addressed in programmatic 5-year drainage permits, that could also contribute to advancing watershed & habitat priorities (see watershed enhancement tables in Appendix B) * v. Coordinate with Whatcom County and WADOT on prioritizing ditch maintenance activities - mowing and spraying (4/2015, 7/2015, 11/2015, 3/2016, 11/2016) <p>*denotes actions that may need additional resources, and more detailed scope & description</p>
		<p><u>Goal statement(b):</u> Ad hoc actions (such as beaver management or sediment removal after a storm) and/or emergency repairs to drainage infrastructure are completed in a timely manner, in collaboration with CDID#1 & DID#2 and Whatcom County. <u>Progress could be measured by:</u> Number of ad hoc emergency repairs/actions completed, compared to the number reported as needing attention.</p>	<p><u>Recently completed or ongoing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. WID helped to pay for beaver trapping in areas where beavers have become a problem for the entire system. (10/2016) <p><u>Priority actions for management plan:</u></p> <p><u>Additional actions that might be considered for inclusion here (from meeting discussions & other WID documents):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vii. Document the specific procedures for responding to situations requiring ad hoc or emergency actions. Include these procedures in the management plan and in WID communications/website.