

**WAC 173-700-501 Replacement ratios for debit projects.** (1) Replacement ratios used to determine compensation requirements for debit projects should generally be lower than those required for permittee-responsible mitigation because of the reduced risk of failure and reduction in temporal losses.

(2) The replacement ratios for debit projects should take into consideration that credit conversion rates for banks include adjustments for the site's overall ecological benefit. One credit at a bank is not necessarily equal to one acre on the ground. In many cases, one credit from a bank represents more than one acre at the bank site.

(3) Replacement ratios for debit projects should reflect the extent to which the bank site adequately compensates for lost wetland functions at the impact site.

(4) Recommended replacement ratios are generally included in the instrument.

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