In the following narrative criteria, in addition to the criteria listed in rule 3745-1-04 of the Administrative Code, the following narrative criteria shall apply to wetlands:

(A) The hydrology necessary to support the biological and physical characteristics naturally present in wetlands shall be protected to prevent significant adverse impacts on:

(1) Water currents, erosion or sedimentation patterns;

(2) Natural water temperature variations;

(3) Chemical, nutrient and dissolved oxygen regimes of the wetland;

(4) The movement of aquatic fauna;

(5) The pH of the wetland; and

(6) Water levels or elevations, including those resulting from ground water recharge and discharge; and

(7) Integrity of natural plant communities.

(B) Water quality.

(1) Water quality necessary to support existing habitats and the populations of wetland flora and fauna shall be protected to prevent significant adverse impacts on:

(a) Food supplies for fish and wildlife;
(b) Reproductive and nursery areas; and

(c) Dispersal corridors, as that term is defined in rule 3745-1-50 of the Administrative Code; and

(d) Vegetation for faunal shelter.

(2) Water quality shall be protected to prevent conditions conducive to the establishment or proliferation of nuisance organisms, as that term is defined in rule 3745-1-50 of the Administrative Code.

(C) Conditions shall not occur that will have a significant adverse impact on the ability of the wetland to be used for wetland-dependent recreational opportunities in or on the water.

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