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By Senator Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to permit processing; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.21C RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.94 RCW; adding
3 a new section to chapter 75.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 90.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 90.44 RCW; adding a new
5 section to chapter 90.48 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 90.58
6 RCW.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
11 of ecology shall determine whether it is likely that the permit will be
12 processed within one hundred eighty days. If the permit will not be
13 processed within one hundred eighty days or if the department of
14 ecology has a current permit backlog of one hundred eighty days or
15 more, the applicant shall be notified and may proceed with the process
16 outlined in subsection (2) of this section.

17 (2) The department of ecology shall process permits under this
18 chapter within one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant may
19 take the application to a recognized private consultant to have a

1 permit proposal developed. When the consultant has completed a permit
2 proposal, the applicant may submit it to the department of ecology.
3 The department of ecology shall approve or deny the permit proposal
4 within forty-five days of submission if no public hearing process is
5 required, or within ninety days of submission if a public hearing is
6 required. The department of ecology may seek to negotiate a permit
7 proposal with the permittee if both parties agree to the process.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
11 shall determine whether it is likely that the permit will be processed
12 within one hundred eighty days. If the permit will not be processed
13 within one hundred eighty days or if the department has a current
14 permit backlog of one hundred eighty days or more, the applicant shall
15 be notified and may proceed with the process outlined in subsection (2)
16 of this section.

17 (2) The department shall process permits under this chapter within
18 one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant may take the
19 application to a recognized private consultant to have a permit
20 proposal developed. When the consultant has completed a permit
21 proposal, the applicant may submit it to the department. The
22 department shall approve or deny the permit proposal within forty-five
23 days of submission if no public hearing process is required, or within
24 ninety days of submission if a public hearing is required. The
25 department may seek to negotiate a permit proposal with the permittee
26 if both parties agree to the process.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.20 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
30 of fish and wildlife shall determine whether it is likely that the
31 permit will be processed within one hundred eighty days. If the permit
32 will not be processed within one hundred eighty days or if the
33 department of fish and wildlife has a current permit backlog of one
34 hundred eighty days or more, the applicant shall be notified and may
35 proceed with the process outlined in subsection (2) of this section.

36 (2) The department of fish and wildlife shall process permits under
37 this chapter within one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant

1 may take the application to a recognized private consultant to have a
2 permit proposal developed. When the consultant has completed a permit
3 proposal, the applicant may submit it to the department of fish and
4 wildlife. The department of fish and wildlife shall approve or deny
5 the permit proposal within forty-five days of submission if no public
6 hearing process is required, or within ninety days of submission if a
7 public hearing is required. The department of fish and wildlife may
8 seek to negotiate a permit proposal with the permittee if both parties
9 agree to the process.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 90.03 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
13 shall determine whether it is likely that the permit will be processed
14 within one hundred eighty days. If the permit will not be processed
15 within one hundred eighty days or if the department has a current
16 permit backlog of one hundred eighty days or more, the applicant shall
17 be notified and may proceed with the process outlined in subsection (2)
18 of this section.

19 (2) The department shall process permits under this chapter within
20 one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant may take the
21 application to a recognized private consultant to have a permit
22 proposal developed. When the consultant has completed a permit
23 proposal, the applicant may submit it to the department. The
24 department shall approve or deny the permit proposal within forty-five
25 days of submission if no public hearing process is required, or within
26 ninety days of submission if a public hearing is required. The
27 department may seek to negotiate a permit proposal with the permittee
28 if both parties agree to the process.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 90.44 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
32 shall determine whether it is likely that the permit will be processed
33 within one hundred eighty days. If the permit will not be processed
34 within one hundred eighty days or if the department has a current
35 permit backlog of one hundred eighty days or more, the applicant shall
36 be notified and may proceed with the process outlined in subsection (2)
37 of this section.

1 (2) The department shall process permits under this chapter within
2 one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant may take the
3 application to a recognized private consultant to have a permit
4 proposal developed. When the consultant has completed a permit
5 proposal, the applicant may submit it to the department. The
6 department shall approve or deny the permit proposal within forty-five
7 days of submission if no public hearing process is required, or within
8 ninety days of submission if a public hearing is required. The
9 department may seek to negotiate a permit proposal with the permittee
10 if both parties agree to the process.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
14 shall determine whether it is likely that the permit will be processed
15 within one hundred eighty days. If the permit will not be processed
16 within one hundred eighty days or if the department has a current
17 permit backlog of one hundred eighty days or more, the applicant shall
18 be notified and may proceed with the process outlined in subsection (2)
19 of this section.

20 (2) The department shall process permits under this chapter within
21 one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant may take the
22 application to a recognized private consultant to have a permit
23 proposal developed. When the consultant has completed a permit
24 proposal, the applicant may submit it to the department. The
25 department shall approve or deny the permit proposal within forty-five
26 days of submission if no public hearing process is required, or within
27 ninety days of submission if a public hearing is required. The
28 department may seek to negotiate a permit proposal with the permittee
29 if both parties agree to the process.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 90.58 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application the department
33 shall determine whether it is likely that the permit will be processed
34 within one hundred eighty days. If the permit will not be processed
35 within one hundred eighty days or if the department has a current
36 permit backlog of one hundred eighty days or more, the applicant shall

1 be notified and may proceed with the process outlined in subsection (2)
2 of this section.

3 (2) The department shall process permits under this chapter within
4 one hundred days of receipt or the permit applicant may take the
5 application to a recognized private consultant to have a permit
6 proposal or draft environmental impact statement developed. When the
7 consultant has completed a permit proposal or draft environmental
8 impact statement, the applicant may submit it to the department. The
9 department shall approve or deny the permit proposal within forty-five
10 days of submission if no public hearing process is required, or within
11 ninety days of submission if a public hearing is required. The
12 department may seek to negotiate a permit proposal with the permittee
13 if both parties agree to the process.

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