

HB 1083-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the hydraulic project approval provides critical protections for fish and fish habitat and is a key component of the state's approach to salmon recovery.

Finds that the hydraulic project approval is the only state permit solely intended to protect fish life.

Finds that the hydraulic project approval program needs to be redesigned to provide better customer service, improved consistency, and enhanced compliance and effectiveness monitoring.

Declares an intent to clarify the department of fish and wildlife's authority under chapter 77.55 RCW, streamline the application process to provide consistency and predictability for permit applicants, and ensure that those hydraulic projects with the highest potential risk to fish and fish habitat receive the highest priority.