

SB 6509 - DIGEST

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Modifies provisions relating to fish barrier removals.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to contract with cities and counties to assist in the identification and removal of impediments to fish passage.

Requires the departments of transportation and fish and wildlife to initiate contact with the United States army corps of engineers, the national oceanic and atmospheric administration, and, if necessary, the United States fish and wildlife service to explore the feasibility of bundling multiple transportation-related fish barrier removal projects under any available nationwide permits for the purpose of achieving streamlined federal permitting with a reduced processing time.

Expands the criteria in which a fish habitat enhancement project can be approved in order to receive a permit review and approval process.