

1418-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
(originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Schoesler, Blake,
Sump, Morris, Grant, Hatfield, Sehlin, Bailey and Linville)

Brief Description: Exempting drainage infrastructure from certain
environmental requirements. Revised for 1st Substitute: Regarding
construction projects in state waters.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares that the purposes of this act are to: (1) Clarify
the purpose of the fishway and hydraulic project approval
requirements of chapter 77.55 RCW as applied to works and projects
related to drainage infrastructure including tide gates, flood
gates, and pump stations;

(2) Specify a statutory process for the department of fish and
wildlife to follow when imposing conditions on drainage
infrastructure for fishways and for hydraulic project approvals on
designated agricultural lands;

(3) Create demonstration projects to assess the effectiveness
of self-regulating tide gates in achieving fish passage and to test
their impact, if any, on surrounding agricultural lands;

(4) Prioritize the use of public lands for fish habitat
restoration projects; and

(5) Establish a task force to review issues regarding the
implementation of fishway and hydraulic project approval
requirements as they relate to designated agricultural lands,
analyze the effectiveness of the demonstration projects for fish
habitat restoration, and report any legislative recommendations to
the legislature.

Provides that, in conjunction with other public landowners,
the department shall create a salmon habitat restoration plan for
all public lands in Skagit county. The plan shall include a list
of public properties that must be restored for salmon, a
description of how those properties can be altered to support
salmon, a description of costs and sources of funds to restore the
property, and a strategy and schedule for prioritizing the
restoration of public lands for salmon habitat.

Requires the department to make the Skagit public lands salmon
habitat restoration plan a priority and complete it by November 30,
2004.