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Brief Description: Selecting wetlands mitigation projects.

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Requires the department of ecology to review wetlands compensatory mitigation projects and evaluate the adequacy of hydrological information presented by a project proponent to determine the likelihood of success of the project.

Provides that the department may require a hydrological assessment of the site.

Requires the hydrological assessment to be sufficiently detailed to demonstrate that the mitigation site will attain a hydrologic regime to meet the goals presented in the proponent's compensatory mitigation project.

Provides that the hydrological assessment should identify the relationship between the proponent's compensatory wetlands mitigation project and the site's existing ground water and surface water.

Provides that, if a proposed wetlands compensation project targets specific functions, the hydrological assessment must demonstrate that the site will achieve a hydrologic regime needed to develop and support these functions.