
SENATE BILL 6147

State of Washington **66th Legislature** **2020 Regular Session**

By Senators Salomon, Lovelett, Wilson, C., Rolfes, Billig, and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to the replacement of shoreline armoring; and
2 amending RCW 77.55.231.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.55.231 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 1 s 106 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) (a) Conditions imposed upon a permit must be reasonably
7 related to the project. The permit conditions must ensure that the
8 project provides proper protection for fish life, but the department
9 may not impose conditions that attempt to optimize conditions for
10 fish life that are out of proportion to the impact of the proposed
11 project.

12 (b) Projects for the replacement of shoreline stabilization or
13 armoring, bulkheads, or other measures to protect structures from
14 shoreline erosion must consider the least impactful alternative for
15 the protection of fish life in the following order of preference:

16 (i) Remove the hard structure and restore the beach;

17 (ii) Remove the hard structure and replace it with a soft
18 structure constructed of natural materials, including bioengineering;

19 (iii) Remove the hard structure and replace it with a hard
20 structure located landward of the existing structure, preferably at
21 or above the ordinary high water line; or

1 (iv) Remove the hard structure and replace it with hard shoreline
2 structure in the same footprint as the existing structure.
3 (2) The permit must contain provisions allowing for minor
4 modifications to the plans and specifications without requiring
5 reissuance of the permit.
6 (3) The permit must contain provisions that allow for minor
7 modifications to the required work timing without requiring the
8 reissuance of the permit. "Minor modifications to the required work
9 timing" means a minor deviation from the timing window set forth in
10 the permit when there are no spawning or incubating fish present
11 within the vicinity of the project.

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