

HB 1346 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that the state has acted to plan for the protection and preservation of fish life by establishing policies that affect the protection of marine and freshwater habitat in the growth management act, the shorelines management act, the forest and fish plan, and the habitat conservation plan.

Finds that the state requires the examination of the environmental impacts of construction projects and work in Washington to minimize and mitigate the impact of those projects through the state environmental policy act.

Finds that while these various acts regulate the planning and design of upland projects, it is necessary to call on the expertise of the department of fish and wildlife to implement rules governing construction or work activities that occur below the ordinary high water line or other work specifically designated by the legislature in such a manner so as to protect fish life.

Recognizes that all such construction and work is to be permitted in a timely and efficient fashion with an aim toward preserving existing public and private property, preventing damage to the environment, protecting fish life, and permitting the efficient construction of new facilities.

Repeals RCW 77.55.100, 77.55.110, 77.55.190, and 77.55.370.