

SB 5855 - DIGEST

Requires the department of transportation to: (1) For state highway projects, follow the same expedited permitting process that applied to the Interstate 5 Skagit river bridge replacement project; and

(2) Grant or reject a state environmental policy act categorical exemption permit within eight days of application.

Requires a local government entity with jurisdiction to grant or reject a written shoreline exemption within eight days of application.

Requires the department of ecology to grant or reject a coastal zone management act consistency determination within twelve days of application.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to grant or reject an emergency hydraulic project approval permit within eight days of application.

Requires the department of natural resources to grant or reject an aquatic lands right of entry permit within thirteen days of application.

Requires any other local government or state agency permit or environmental exemption, required for a state highway project, to be granted or denied within thirteen days of application.

Allows construction to continue during an appeal of certain permits for state highway projects.