# Proposed Amendments to the Hydraulic Code Rules (Chapter 220-660 WAC)

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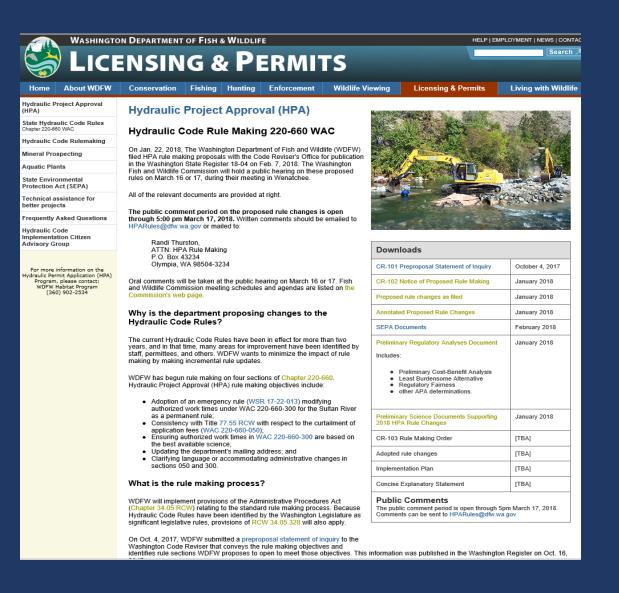
#### What are the Hydraulic Code Rules?

- Enacts Chapter 77.55 RCW Construction projects in state waters
- Purpose To protect fish life from construction or other work that affects the natural flow or bed of state waters



## **Rulemaking Process**

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry
  - Filed Oct 4
  - Draft annotated rules
- Notice of Proposed Rule Making
  - Filed January 22
  - Comment Period Feb 7 Mar 17
- Preliminary Regulatory Analysis
- Preliminary Supporting Science Documents
- State Environmental Policy Act
  - Comment Period Feb 7 Mar 17



#### Sultan River Authorized Work Time



Courtesy of the Snohomish County PUD



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#### Similkameen River Authorized Work Time



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## **Other Changes**

- Remove fee language
- Update mailing address
- Allow digital versions of the pamphlets
- Allow easements in-lieu of landowner signature
- Allow transfer of a HPA
- Extend closures of incomplete applications from 6 to 12 months
- Clarify when the department can revoke a HPA
- Require written justification when the department declares an imminent danger, hardship or emergency



### Questions

