

Rule Proposal Notice

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance

February 2016

State Environmental Policy Act

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to **Chapter 197-11 WAC**, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on **March 2, 2016**.

What is the purpose of this rule proposal?

The purpose of this rule proposal is to:

- Create a categorical exemption for the replacement of a City, Town or County owned structurally deficient bridge.
- Make minor updates and clarifications on other transportation related categorical exemptions.
- Make minor updates, clarifications and technical corrections to improve readability.

What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) and staff report under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses.

To download these documents visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/rules/1509docs.html>

MORE INFORMATION

Public hearing schedule

Date: March 23, 2016
Hearing starts at 1:30 pm

Location:
Dept. of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, WA 98503

To call-in and participate and/or provide comments by phone: 1-800-704-9804,
Pin number: 8386377#

Ecology will have a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session followed by the formal hearing.

Contact information:

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Accommodation Requests:

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program 360-407-6600. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Public Comment period

You may submit comments on this proposal through April 1, 2016.

You may give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify at the public hearing - in-person or call-in and provide comments by phone 1-800-704-9804, participants pin number: 8386377#
2. Submit written comments at the public hearing.
3. Email you comment to: separulemaking@ecy.wa.gov
4. Mail comment to:
Department of Ecology - SEPA Unit
Attn: Fran Sant
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5. FAX: 360-407-6904

Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish the responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology has responded your comments.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than **June 1, 2016**

