

**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
WASTEWATER/STORMWATER PERMIT FEE
PROGRAM**

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www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.htm

WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT FEE TASK FORCE INITIAL WORK OUTCOME

- During the FY2008-09 fee rule amendment process, Ecology told all permit holders that we would convene an advisory group consisting of industrial and municipal permit holders, governmental permit holders, and environmental interests to aid in restructuring of the permit fee rule.
- The first meeting was held February 15, 2008. Monthly meetings were held until November 21, 2008. Meetings were not scheduled during the holidays or during the 2009 Legislative Session.
- The outcome of the first phase of the restructuring process was to develop an interim fix for the permit program that would not allow further deterioration of funding for the program. However, legislation proposing fee increases that was forwarded by Ecology to the Governor's Office was rejected. Ecology was informed the Governor would not sign legislation proposed by state agencies that allowed for increases to their fee programs.
- Business and environmental members of the Permit Fee Task Force submitted their own legislation that would allow for fee increases for both Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. Substitute House Bill 1413 was passed by both the House and Senate and signed by Governor Gregoire on April 28, 2009.
- Ecology and the Permit Fee Task Force will begin meeting again shortly. Ecology needs to submit a report to the Legislature with recommendations from the Permit Fee Task Force on how the fee rule will be restructured. This report is due during the 2010 legislative session.

Information about the Waste Discharge Permit Fee Task Force can be found at the following website:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/wdpftaskforce/index.html>

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1413

Passed by the House March 9, 2009

Passed by the Senate April 14, 2009

Approved by Governor Gregoire April 28, 2009

Filed April 29, 2009

Adds the following new sections into RCW 90.48.465 – Water Pollution Control

Sec. 2. INCREASING FEES BY THE FISCAL GROWTH FACTOR. The department of ecology is authorized to increase fees up to the fiscal growth factor for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, except that there may be no increase in fees for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for categories of dischargers whose fees exceed the costs of managing their permits. The department of ecology, with the advice of an advisory committee, shall evaluate the existing fee structure, including the current inequity of fees relative to the permit workload, and report its findings and recommendations to the 2010 legislature.

Sec. 3. ANNUAL RULE REVISION. The department of ecology is authorized to adjust the fee schedule annually through December 31, 2011.

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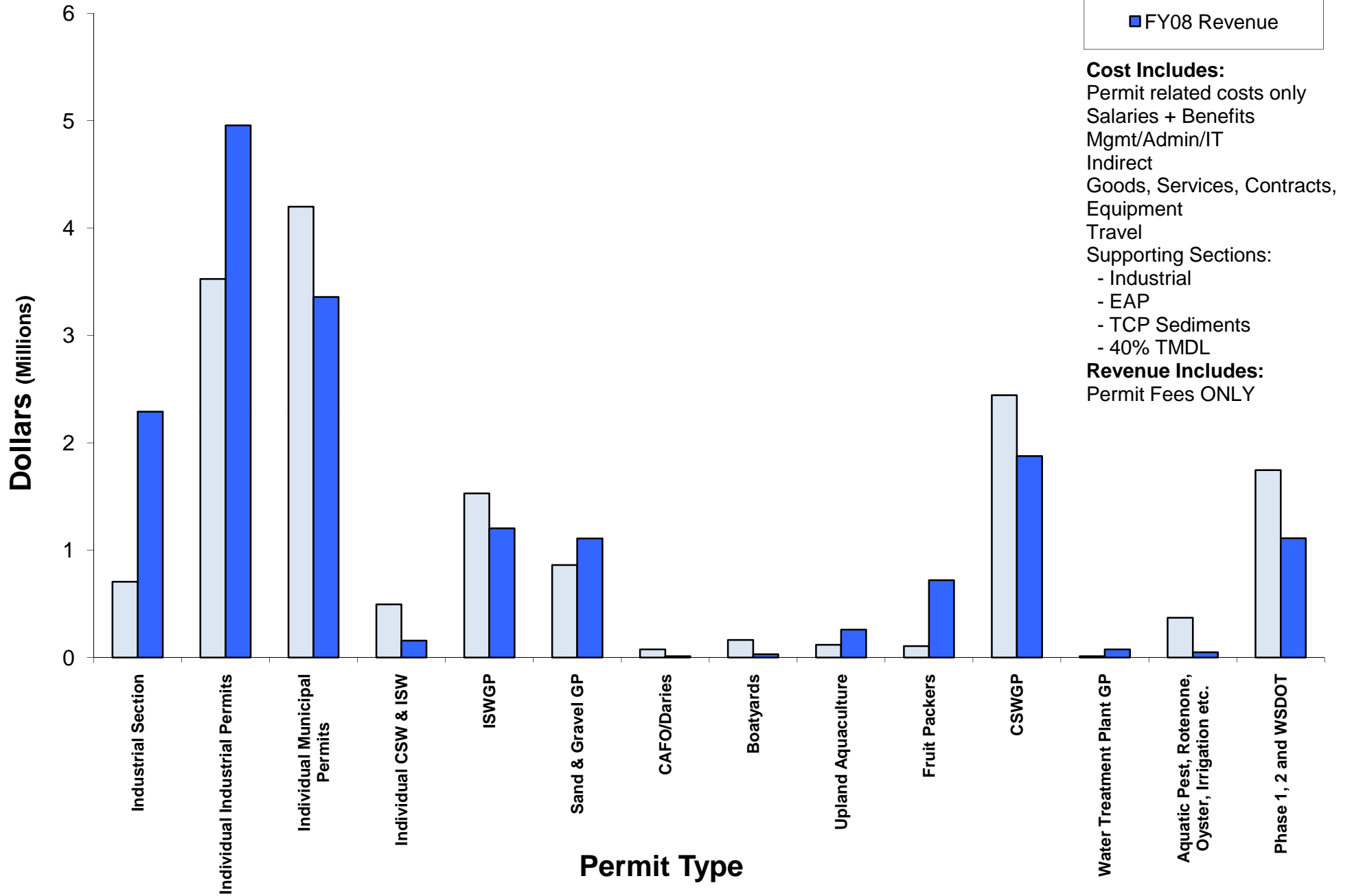
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FY08 Permit Fee Costs and Revenue



PROPOSED FEE RULE CHANGES

Proposed fee increases

Ecology is proposing to increase fees for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for the following:

FY2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) = 5.20%

FY2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) = 4.61%

Aquaculture – Shellfish Hatching

Aquatic Pest Control – Irrigation Districts, Mosquito Control Districts, Invasive Moth Control, Aquatic Species Control & Eradication, Oyster Growers, and Rotenone Control

Boat Yards – General Permit Coverage

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Construction Stormwater General Permits

Dairies

Domestic Wastewater Municipalities

Individual Construction and/or Industrial Stormwater Permits

Industrial Stormwater General Permits

Phase 1 and Phase 2 Municipal Stormwater Permits

Privately Owned Domestic Wastewater Facilities

PROPOSED FEE RULE CHANGES

Proration of fees for terminated permits

The fee rule currently contains language that prorated fees to the fiscal quarter permit coverage has been terminated in.

Ecology is proposing to eliminate this language. Permit holders who have permit coverages terminated at any time during the fiscal year will pay the entire annual fee for that fiscal year.

PERMIT FEE RULE AMENDMENT TIMELINE

CR101 Filed	June 16, 2009
CR102 Filed	July 20, 2009
Public Comment Opens	July 20, 2009
Public Workshops/Hearings	
Spokane Regional Library	August 25, 2009
Hal Holmes Community Center	August 26, 2009
Ecology Headquarters Bldg	August 27, 2009
Public Comment Ends	September 9, 2009
Concise Explanatory Statement	September 23, 2009
CR103 Filed (Rule Adopted)	September 28, 2009
Rule Effective	October 29, 2009