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Principles_Support: Strongly Support

Principles_Comments: Item 3 is very important but challenging due to cuts to data collection programs.

Goal1_Support: Strongly Support

EnviroFlow: Guidelines

WaterAllocationPlan: Optional

DecisionMaker: Must Consider

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Comments: The province must maintain a lead role in governance and adequately fund the approval authority.

Goal2_Options: Shared

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: The scale will depend on the area and water use pressures.

GovernanceFundingSolutions: Adequate provincial funding for the regulatory authority and data collection services.

Accountability: With decentralized regions there will be variation in decision making. There will be a need for a more central appeal process.

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: The provincial decision makers will benefit from local knowledge. Most municipalities do not have the resources to take on a major regulatory role.

Goal3_Support: Support

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Government determines actual needs

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: A mix of all of the above would be appropriate.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

PermittedUseConsiderations: It would be highly dependent on the climatic zone and development pressure in the watershed.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

Flexibility_Support: Strongly Support

Flexibility_Comments: This is an important tool to have. The legal and economic implications of reducing water allocations for a holder need to be carefully examined before decision making authority is delegated.

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

Goal4_Support: Support

Thresholds_Options: 250+100

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

FedAndProvLegIntegration: Compliance with implementation of the Fisheries Act is a must.

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: A starting point is the amount of water allocated versus sustainable yield.

AffectOnCommunity: It is difficult to determine at this time.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: It will depend on implementation.

WhatHaveWeMissed: None of the management options are viable without adequate long term data that applicants will not be able to provide on their own. The snow survey station and Water Survey of Canada river gauge networks need to be protected and expanded.