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Principles_Support: Strongly Support

Principles_Comments: 1. B.C.â s water resources are used within sustainable limits that protect stream and river ecosystem, function, and biodiversity. Allocation of flows to protect stream health should be given the highest priority, followed by domestic consumption, agriculture, and other industrial uses. This hierarchy of priorities should be altered only in exceptional, and clearly defined circumstances.

9. There must not be privatization of water supplies.

10. Access to drinking water for domestic purposes is a right.

11. Unused water licenses or capacity should not be viewed as an asset that can be sold or traded; unused licenses must revert to the Crown.

Goal1_Support: Strongly Support

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Options: Shared

Accountability: There must be clear guidelines for stakeholder (including public) membership on boards and committees and there must be a prominent role for independent scientists in reviewing technical issues to insure that technical assessments are not biased by stakeholder interests. Transparency and the opportunity for balanced input from all stakeholders is critical. as well as adequate resources for adequate planning, assessment, and public review.

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: Shared roles gives local communities and stakeholders more input into local resource management. Shared roles are beneficial if serious funding issues do not have to be solely funded by the municipalities.

Goal3_Support: Support

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Government determines actual needs

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: A and B are not exclusive.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

AdminEfficiencyWaterUse_Comments: All are important.

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterAllocationSystem_Comments: Explicitly prioritizing water use at the policy level is very important. The order of precedence for water use should be:

1. protecting streams or aquatic ecosystems
2. domestic water use
3. agriculture
4. industrial.

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: As stated above, explicitly prioritizing water use at the policy level is very important. The order of precedence for water use should be:

1. protecting streams or aquatic ecosystems
2. domestic water use
3. agriculture
4. industrial.

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

WaterScarcityPermanent_Comments: E and F are not necessarily exclusive, and if the community requests a process, then it should be heard and considered and, acted upon.

Goal4_Support: Strongly Support

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

PriorityAreas_Comments: All options are appropriate and should be included.

Add H: When aquatic ecosystems are negatively impacted by groundwater extraction. Aquatic ecosystems health is of utmost importance.

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: Collaborative processes take more time but they insure greater success and stewardship.