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Principles_Support: Disagree

Principles_Comments: Historical water rights need to be protected at all costs. These rights should be at the top of the list. Water licence holders have paid their fees and used the water to support their operations in some cases for generations and any thought of losing these rights could damage thir buisness permantley.

Goal1_Support: Disagree

EnviroFlow: Guidelines

WaterAllocationPlan: Optional

DecisionMaker: Must Consider

DumpingProhibition: Maintain

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Options: Shared

Goal3_Support: Neutral

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Review rules for transfer and apportionment

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Voluntary self-registration

PermittedUseConsiderations: If water is to be used from surface or wells it should licenced no eceptions

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Detailed Information

Flexibility_Support: Disagree

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: FITFIR

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Discretional

Goal4_Support: Support

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

PriorityAreas_Options: Surface water at or near limit

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: First in time water rights must be respected.

AffectOnCommunity: If some are implemented it could mean the end of my ranching operation

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: Respect the current application of water rights and licences in b.c.

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: Industry representatives from all affected licence holder groups should be at the table with an equal voice regarding changes to the water act.

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: We will have to see the final draft of the proposed changes before I can comment.

WhatHaveWeMissed: Once again I will stress that historical water rights must be respected. If I as a licence holder have lived up to my obligations over the years and paid my fees I should have every right to expect the continuation of my water licences in it's present amount and form. If I make a new application then whatever new rules regarding licences and amounts should come into play.