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Principles_Support: Strongly Support

Principles_Comments: I would add the principle that Water is a human right and no person should be denied free acces to the amount of water necessary for their health and well being and no business use should take precedence over this.

Goal1_Support: Strongly Support

Goal1_Comments: Necessity for much increased oversight and regulation of these provisions.

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Consider

DecisionMaker_Comments: The requiring of water allocation plans and the necessity to follow them is the only way to ensure compliance

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: A Provincial allocation plan is desirable and each stream, river and aquifer should be allocated only to the point of assured sustainability and it should be allocated in consultation with the local municipalities and users.

DumpingProhibition: Amend

DumpingProhibition_Comments: Increase the number of regulators to ensure compliance.

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Comments: Effectiveness will only be achieved if local communities have a major role and possible veto power where the decision may impact on the wellbeing and health of the people in the community. I like the shared approach as the Province should take responsibility for standards, regulation and inspection but planning and the distribution and control of water licenses should be in the hands of a local authority.

Goal2_Options: Shared

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: If the water source is the Fraser River the province wide consultation is necessary. Smaller water sources should be managed locally.

GovernanceFundingSolutions: Setting fees for irresponsible irrigation (ie growing crops that never should be grown in out climate), bottled water plants, industrial

uses and irresponsible domestic use. For domestic use, levels should be set for free access to the amount necessary for health and well being and for over and above use, payment should be required.

Goal3_Support: Strongly Support

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: I am opposed to transfer or reapportionment of water rights. If the license is not being use in whole or in part that which is not being used should revert to the Crown.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

AdministrativeEfficiency_Comments: Accountability is very necessary and effective enforcement also. The fees gained from over usage of water could be applied to hiring more inspectors and regulators.

PermittedUseConsiderations: 'Permitted use' without licenses might be possible if well regulated. I have no confidence in self reporting so probably metering would be the best way of ensuring compliance - especially on farms and golf courses.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

AdminEfficiencyWaterUse_Comments: All of the above.

Flexibility_Support: Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterAllocationSystem_Comments: The highest priority should be put on sustainability and conservation. Agriculturaluse should come before miniral trading

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: The decisions on the hierarchy of uses must be transparent and democratic, and preferably made within the watershed at risk.

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

WaterScarcityPermanent_Comments: Developed transparently, democratically and with much input from the communities affected.

Goal4_Support: Strongly Support

Goal4_Comments: This is especially so for bottled water companies, mining, and irrigation of inappropriate crops and golf courses. Farmers need to be deterred from growing crops inappropriate to the climate, and if they insist on doing so they should be charged heavily for the water use so that the product is set at a price realistic considering the reources used to grow it.

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

Thresholds_Comments: The lower threshhold provides more incentive to conserve water and avoid wastage by way of loss through leaky pipes or irresponsible use.

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

PriorityAreas_Comments: A, B, D and F