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Principles_Support: Support

Goal1_Support: Support

Goal1_Comments: need to ensure that fish are recognized as legitimate users of water. Ecological considerations should be foremost in all decisions.
Need to direct more resources (enforcement) towards habitat/riparian protection

EnviroFlow: Standards

WaterAllocationPlan: Required

DecisionMaker: Must Follow

DumpingProhibition: Amend

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Options: Shared

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: regional district
otherwise need to ensure collaboration between decision makers where watershed spans Water Act water district boundaries.

GovernanceFundingSolutions: user pays

higher fees for large volume users

Accountability: ensure delivery of program stays in the public realm and is not delegated/contracted to private interests

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: could provide more support and a stronger role for nonprofit sector, local communities could have more say in management of local resources.

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Use of incentives and economic instruments

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: water rights should not be transferable and viewed as a financial asset.

Stream flow allocations should be considered most important, recognize fish as legitimate users of water

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdminEfficiencyOptions_SelfReg: Required self-registration

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Combine admin and efficiency

Flexibility_Support: Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Sharing

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: The order of precedence for water use 1) Protecting stream or aquatic ecosystem health, 2) domestic water use, 3) agriculture, 4) industrial uses. However for #'s 2-4 a conservation ethic must be promoted to ensure efficient use of the resource

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Through a mandatory Water Management Planning process

Goal4_Support: Strongly Support

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

PriorityAreas_Options: Combine priority areas

WhatHaveWeMissed: fostering a conservation ethic for all water users. spend more time educating the general public that water is not a "renewable resource" but a finite resource under severe pressure, a shared resource that no one person owns as their own