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Principles_Support: Support

Goal1_Support: Support

Goal1_Comments: Drinking water needs to be a priority, along with stream health

EnviroFlow: Guidelines

EnviroFlow_Comments: a. Guidelines approach allows more flexibility in
determining on a watershed-specific basis.

WaterAllocationPlan: Optional

DecisionMaker: Must Consider

DecisionMaker_Comments: Flexibility at a watershed level

WaterAllocationPlan_Conditions: Priorities; e.g. Priority 1: Drinking water,
fisheries, Priority 2 Industry; Priority 3 Irrigation; Priority 4 Other. (eg IPP)

DumpingProhibition: Amend

DumpingProhibition_Comments: Improves the needs of water quality in streams

Goal2_Support: Support

Goal2_Comments: Concern that special interest groups have potential to hijack decision-making. How will legitimacy of NGO's be determined? Centralized: consistent application of laws; avoids overtaxing local resources; maintains certainty. Overseen by Regional Comptroller - can determine cross-watershed issues.

Goal2_Options: Centralized

ScaleForWatershedPlanning: No opinion

GovernanceFundingSolutions: Provincial funding should remain or increase...

BenefitsOfSharedRoles: Benefit: greater local understanding.

Dangers: Further downloading; scattered approach too dependent on personal agendas; easily derailed by special interest groups (vocal minority)

Goal3_Support: Support

WaterUseEfficiency_1: Codes for efficient infrastructure and practices

WaterUseEfficiency_2: Review rules for transfer and apportionment

WaterUseEfficiency_Comments: There is a need to avoid downloading

AdminEfficiencyOptions_PermittedUse: Permitted use different

AdministrativeEfficiency_Comments: Voluntary registration would potentially impact licences

PermittedUseConsiderations: If not rigorously administered, permitted use should NOT be protected; on-line registration without inspection or follow-up will lead to abuse.

AdminEfficiencyOptions_WaterUse: Measure and report actual water use

AdminEfficiencyWaterUse_Comments: L, M, N make sense and are a first step for large users to make improvements (e.g. municipal water supplies metered)

Flexibility_Support: Support

WaterAllocationSystem_Options: Priority use

WaterScarcityTemporary_Options: Hierarchy of uses

WaterScarcityTemporary_Comments: Most logical: there are thresholds below which high priority uses cannot live below.

WaterScarcityPermanent_Options: Water Management Planning upon request

WaterScarcityPermanent_Comments: Again, there is a danger in downloading, but many users will need to be convinced to make changes culturally

Goal4_Support: Support

Thresholds_Options: 500+100

Thresholds_Comments: 'Large' limit could be defined lower than 100m³/d

PriorityAreas_Options: Significant population

AtRiskWatershedCriteria: Potential for drought in highly populated areas; competing interests

AffectOnCommunity: New licences may be difficult to obtain

Improve_InterestsTakenIntoAccount: Priorize drinking water as critical; provide resources to support municipalities

KindsOfCollaborativeProcesses: Province-run stewardship group, with local government represented at table

AdequatelyEquipFutureGenerations: It would appear so. These are an excellent first step to acknowledge changing climate, changing world.

WhatHaveWeMissed: Workshops were greatly appreciated!