

Meeting Information

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Water Supply Availability Committee Meeting
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Time	Subject	Responsible	Representing
10:30 – 10:45	Welcome Drought 2019 WRAP UP: Permits, Curtailments and Grants	Jeff Marti	Ecology
10:45 – 11:00	Regional Climate Perspective 1. Recent precipitation and temperature 2. Seasonal forecasts/ENSO	Karin Bumbaco	Office of Washington State Climatologist
11:00 – 11:10	River Forecasts	Brent Bower	NWS
11:10– 11:20	NRCS Streamflow Forecast Verification	Scott Pattee	NRCS
11:20 – 11:30	Streamflow Observations	Mark Mastin	USGS
11:30 – 11:40	Yakima Basin System Status	Chris Lynch	BOR
11:40 – 11:45	Key Upcoming Dates Water and Climate Year Workshop November 5 th in Portland/or via Remote NEXT WSAC FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH		

Oregon/Washington Water Year 2019 Recap and 2020 Outlook Meeting
5 November 2019

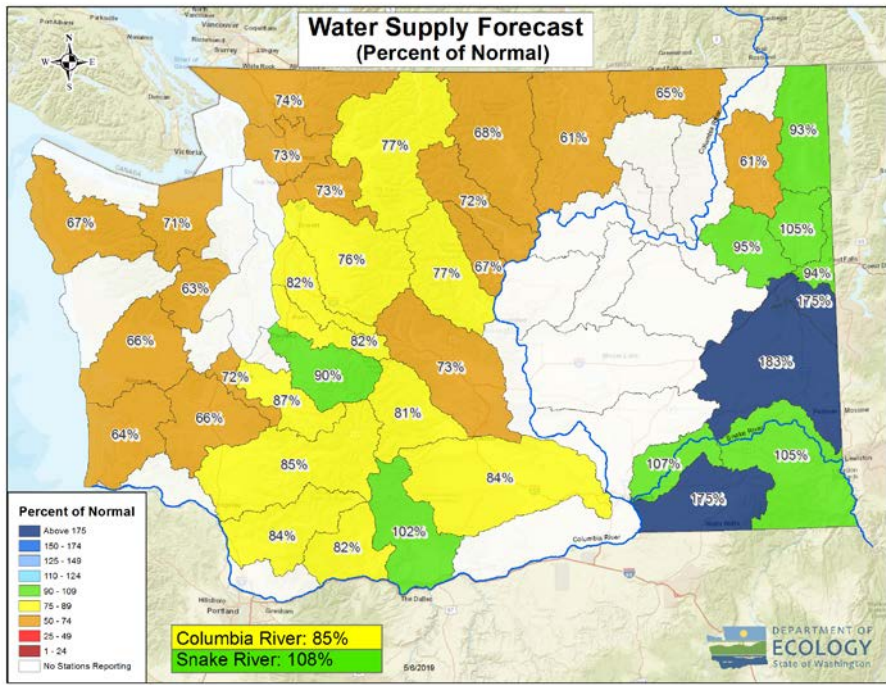
OSU Foundation
555 SW Morrison St Suite 2200 (located in the Meier and Frank Building)
Portland, OR

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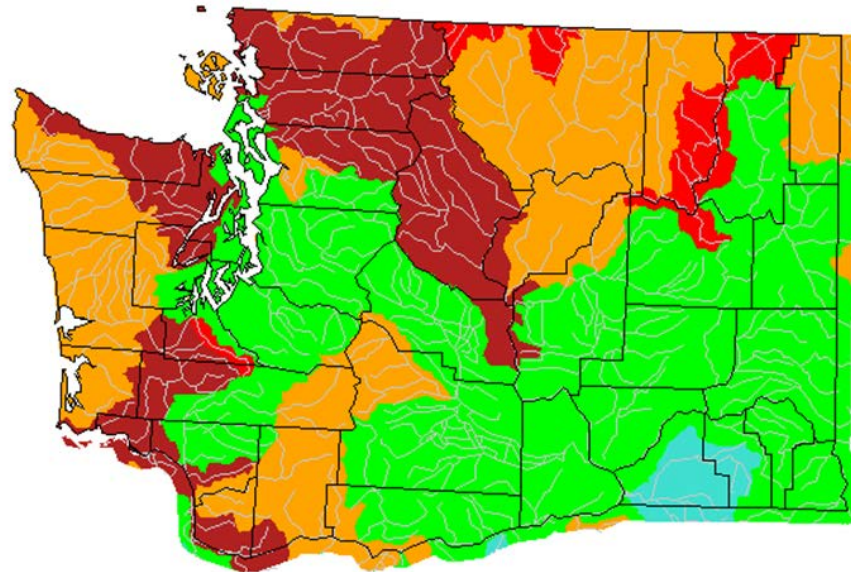
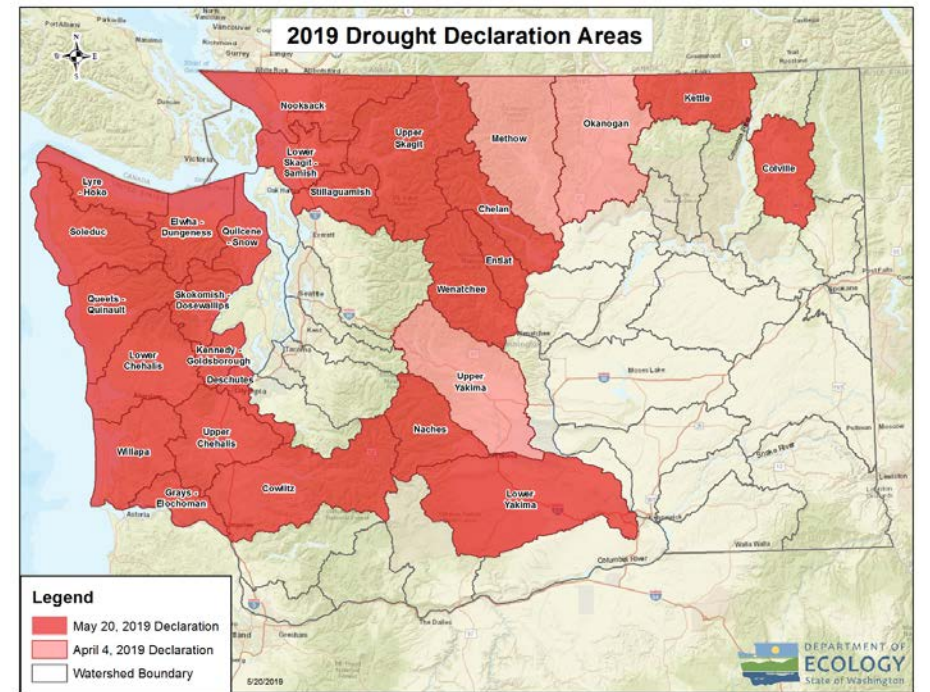
The Oregon-Washington Water Year 2019 Recap and 2020 Outlook Meeting is a **one-day workshop held to review the climate events and impacts of the 2019 water year, provide forecast information for the upcoming water year, and learn about new resources on drought and climate variability.**

The collective debrief on impacts of the past water year is critical for identifying vulnerabilities and opportunities for increasing drought and general climate resilience. One goal of this year's meeting is to increase participation of water and hydropower utilities, especially smaller and rural utilities. Remote workshop access will be available to increase access and participation in the Water Year meeting, though in-person participation is encouraged.

<https://cpaess.ucar.edu/meetings/2019/oregon-washington-water-year-2019-recap-2020-outlook-meeting>



August 2019



Emergency Water Right Requests

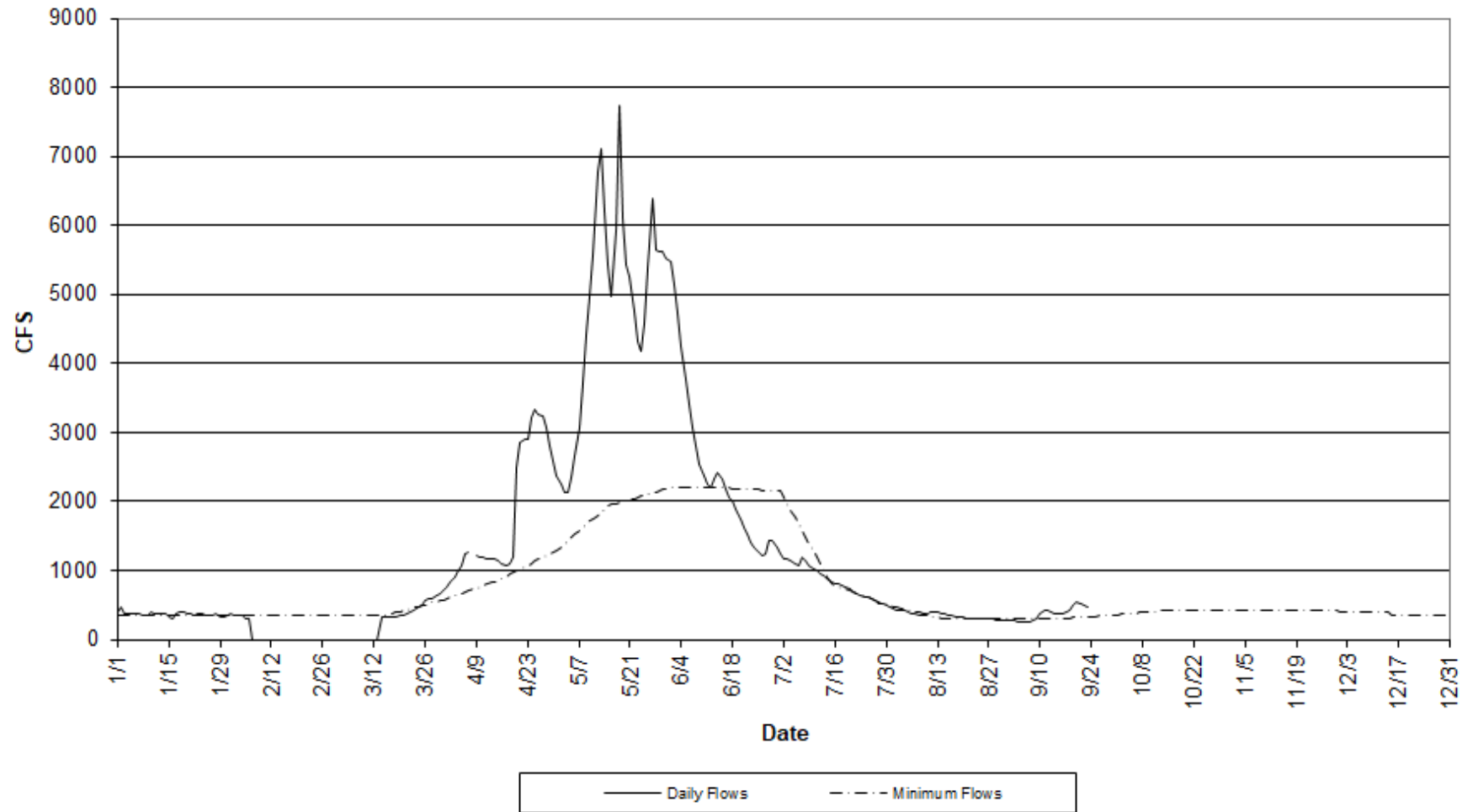
- 13 approved applications
- No denials
- All for purpose of irrigation
- Common themes
 - Obtaining authorization to access emergency wells, with mitigation
 - Gaining access to a senior water right to avoid curtailment of a junior water right
 - Moving from surface to groundwater, subject to instream flows
- 6 in the Yakima Basin
- 2 in the Methow Watershed
- 1 in the Colville Watershed
- 1 in the Okanogan Watershed
- 1 in the Nooksack Watershed
- 2 in the Skagit Watershed

Water Right Curtailments

- Curtailment in adjudicated basins occurs when there is a call for water by senior users.
- Curtailment also occurs when river flows drop below instream flow rule levels.
- More than 500 water right holders were curtailed.

	Water Rights Subject to Curtailment
Methow River	60
Similkameen River	20
Okanogan River	79
Nooksack River	9
Wenatchee River	41
Yakima River Basin (Post 5/10/1905)	217
Skagit River	8
Tenmile Creek (Nooksack Basin)	1
Entiat River	11
Teanaway River (post-1884 priority date)	146
Chehalis Basin	93

2019 Methow River Flows at Pateros
Station # 12449950



River	Total Days not allowed to divert	Time Period below Minimum Flows
Methow	65	June 6-August 11, and August 30-Sept. 9
Similkameen	46	June 10-June 30, August 6-August 12, August 21-Sept. 11
Okanogan	20 (24 at Mallot Station)	June 10-June 30 (Sept. 5-Sept. 9 at Mallot)
Wenatchee	77 (84 at Peshastin Station)	July 24-Oct. 9 (July 17-Oct.9 at Peshastin)
Entiat	41	August 19-Sept. 10, Sept. 12-Sept. 16, Sept. 25-Oct. 9, Oct. 14
Teanaway (1885 and Junior)	6	Sept. 3-Sept. 9

Data from Christopher Kossik, Ecology CRO WR

Emergency Drought Grants

7 approvals

- 6 drinking water
- 1 fisheries

Projects Total:	\$1,282,080
State Share:	\$753,290

6 ineligible projects

- Project initiation or completion outside of emergency timeframe
- Project did not address drought caused hardship
- Not located in drought declared area
- Applicant did not respond to inquiries for additional information

2019 Conditions & Impacts

Relatively moderate conditions since time of declaration, but multiple impacts reported:

Agriculture

- Reduced water allocation in the Yakima Basin
- Curtailment of junior water rights
- Reduced hay yields, fewer cuttings of hay
- Water year ended on a wet note – reports of too much rain for fall seed crops

Drinking Water

- Some Olympic Peninsula water systems were on voluntary or mandatory conservation
- Water hauling for one Clallam County system
- Two cities in Eastern Washington reported low water level challenges

Fish

- Low flow levels
- Fish stranding in upper Yakima