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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM
POLICY AND INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

WATER RIGHTS PROCESSING POLICY

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Contact: Program Development and Operations Support
References: *Statute:* Chapters 43.21, 90.03, 90.14, 90.16, 90.42, 90.44, 90.54, 90.66, 90.90 RCW
Administrative Rule: WAC 173-152, 173-165, 173-173, 197-11, 508-12
Purpose: To ensure statewide consistency, conformity with state law, and equality of service to the public in the administration of water rights.
Application: This policy applies to all applications to appropriate water and applications for change of water right received pursuant to chapters 90.03 and 90.44 RCW.

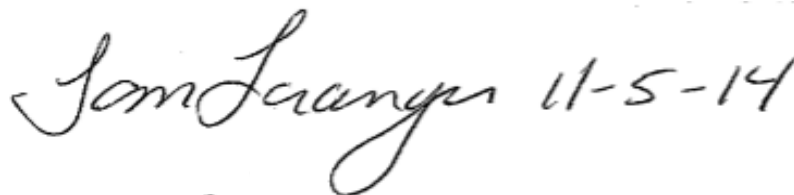
This policy supersedes any previous policy statement with which it conflicts.

Administration of applications will be consistent statewide.

To ensure conformity with state law, equality of service to the public, and consistency between regional offices all applications to appropriate water and applications for change of water right will be processed in accordance with the Water Rights Processing Procedure (PRO 1000).

Processing applications is region specific.

Procedural differences exist among the regions in the processing of applications to appropriate water and applications for change of a water right. These differences exist because of historical work patterns and expertise of the personnel. Procedural differences are hereby authorized, as long as regional procedures are in agreement with and further the purposes of this policy.



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