

Potential request legislation-Walla Walla

Ecology Discussion Draft

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Concepts to Include

- New Section in OCR statute (chapter 90.90 RCW)
- Base authority on implementing the Walla Walla river basin strategic plan
- Clear identification as an integrated water resource management strategy
- Advised by the bi-state Walla Walla Basin Advisory Committee, which shall include representatives from a broad range of interests:
 - Agricultural
 - Environmental
 - Tribal
 - Local, state and federal governments
- Water supply solutions provide concurrent benefits to both instream and out-of-stream uses and ecosystem function
- Water allocation consistent with any agreements (such as a compact) with Oregon and CTUIR.
- Tribal consultation identified specifically
- Clear authority to construct projects physically located in Oregon
- A minimum of 50% percent of the total costs to finance the implementation of the integrated plan must be funded through non-state sources
- Direction that bi-state regulatory framework is consistent with existing adjudications to ensure that water use by holders of adjudicated surface water right certificates are not impaired by use under junior groundwater right certificates, claims and permits