The 2006 figures for water rights within the Columbia River Program were based on a broader scope. The area Ecology initially looked at was every Section within one mile of the Columbia or Lower Snake Rivers, including backwaters and tributaries.

2006 estimates:
- 7,137 water rights within the Program (8 million ac-ft demand)
- 458 new applications (383,000 ac-ft demand)
- 378 change documents
- 370 interruptible water rights
- 390 water rights to meter to achieve 90% of use

2007 estimates:
- 4,039 water rights within the Program (6.5 million ac-ft demand)
- 335 new applications (~282,000 ac-ft demand)
- 280 change documents
- 350 interruptible water rights
- 298 water rights to meter to achieve 90% of use