Columbia River
Watermaster Duties
and First Year Progress

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<td>1-mile Columbia River corridor</td>
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What do Watermastesrs do?

- Provide technical assistance
- Investigate complaints
- Investigate possible unauthorized use
- Ensure that water is being used within the limits set by a water right
- Have authority to issue notices of violation and regulation, and recommend penalties
- Some perform “ditch-rider” duties
- Issue “show cause” orders for relinquishment
Watermasters do not:

- Actively seek to “take one’s water away”
- Shut off pumps, pull out diversions
- Play a “water cop” role
- Conduct water right adjudications
By statute (RCW 90.03.605)

- Provide Technical Assistance
- Encourage Voluntary Compliance
- Notice of Violation
- Formal Administrative Order
- Notice of Penalty
Emphasis on voluntary compliance

- Research Department records
- Discussion with responsible party
- Provide technical assistance
- Agree on course of action
- Monitor
Discrepancies

- Irrigation appears to be occurring outside of mapped places of use (POU)
  - 57 areas

- Mapped POUs appear to be inundated by Columbia River
  - 167 areas
Example of Irrigation Outside
A Mapped Place of Use
Example of an Inundated Place of Use
57 Areas prioritized as such:

- 12 Very High
- 11 High
- 10 Medium-High
- 12 Medium
- 3 Medium-Low
- 8 Low
- 1 Unrated
# Actions Taken

## 57 Areas (23 Actions to date)

- 6 resolution by field visit
- 4 assistance given, pending resolution
- 4 in process with Colville Tribe
- 2 irrigation under an irrigation district
- 2 mapping issue
- 2 temp permits issued by Walla Walla WM
- 1 “de facto” place of use change
- 1 temp permit about to issue
- 1 conservancy board change

## Other Actions to date

- 6 Complaint investigations
- 5 Trust Water Applications Processed
- 3 Presentations (Coulee Dam City, Wenatchee, Tri-Cities)
Scenario #1
Scenario #1 (Photo 1)
Scenario #1 (Photo 2)
Scenario #2
Scenario #2b
Scenario #3
Take Home Messages

- Work toward voluntary compliance
- Good success so far
- Unexpected complexities arise

Final Statistics

- Approximately 5657 acres with possible unauthorized use
- Approximately 3296 acres addressed (~58%)
- Approximately 1 million acres of authorized irrigation
  - Does not include claims
- 0.6% of possible unauthorized use