

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative Goals

IWAC Organization

1. Establish a working relationship between Idaho and Washington water entities
2. Agree upon IWAC goals (outcomes & products) and interim objectives
3. Establish common objectives regarding water use.
4. Create a Final IWAC 'Statement of Purpose'
5. Determine and create an organizational structure
6. Establish a long term funding and administrative mechanism to provide facilitation and support to this group.
7. Coordinate a regional wellhead protection, education and outreach program
8. Ensure IWAC conclusions/recommendations are credible

Water Quantity

1. Develop a BiState Aquifer (baseline) Status Document
 - a. Validate objectively determined and scientifically supportable data on the quantity of the aquifer water system
 - b. Perform a review and agree upon the results of the recent water demand forecasts for both Idaho and Washington
 - c. Determine why the Spokane River in-stream flow has declined
 - d. Understand the seasonal impact of water use
2. Determine a fair and equitable method to allocate water withdrawals of the aquifer by municipal purveyors for the present and future
 - a. Municipal water purveyors conduct a study to look at reasonably anticipated future needs. The four fundamental components of the study would include:
 1. Service Area (including projected future service area)
 2. Planning Horizon for present and future
 3. Population projections within the planning horizon
 4. Water demand projections within the planning horizon
 - b. Set the same measuring tools for each purveyor.
3. Examine the impact of proposed changes to waste water discharge and develop appropriate management strategies for maintaining/enhancing in-stream flows in the Spokane River.

Water Conservation

4. Promote regional water conservation.
 - a. Municipal purveyors develop a common conservation strategy for this basin.
 - b. Work in concert on implementation within respective service areas.
 - c. Develop recommendations for regional conservation efforts that includes a menu of suggestions that local jurisdictions may choose from to adopt into their own conservation plans. May include model ordinances/resolutions or sample copies of ordinances/resolutions from different jurisdictions.

Water Quality

5. Promote water quality.
 - a. Identify future impacts on water quality as the area population grows, and commercial and industrial uses diversify in our area
 - b. Identify how water purveyors can have a positive effect on water quality

Public Awareness and Education

6. Provide an annual summary report including
 - a. The previous year's goals
 - b. Accomplishments and how the goals were met
 - c. Unmet goals and what changes are being implemented to achieve the goals
 - d. Provide this information to each states respective agency
 - e. Provide accountability for IWAC actions, or lack thereof
7. Create a Table of Consensus and Non-Consensus Determinations by IWAC to
 - a. Provide a 'running tally' of aquifer related issues in which IWAC has achieved consensus or non-consensus; an 'at a glance' scorecard
 - b. Inform intermittent participants such as ad hoc 'Resource Network' entities
 - c. Discuss IWAC's positions with the members' respective policy makers.