

Draft POL-1020 (Consumptive and Nonconsumptive Water Use) Summary of Changes

This document provides an overview of the substantial changes made in the public review draft of POL-1020 but does not describe every change. It is intended to provide a high-level overview of the draft changes organized by the section numbers in the new draft.

- [New draft policy](#)¹
- [Current version of POL-1020](#)²

Section 1: Introduction

- Updated introduction language for clarity and concise language.

Section 2: Consumptive Use of Groundwater and Surface Water

- Expanded explanation of diminishment to clarify different types of consumptive impacts and provide consistency with case law and current practice:
 - Timing and quantity (*Foster* consistency)
 - Quality (*Postema* consistency)

Section 3: Nonconsumptive Water Use, Surface Water

- Revised description of nonconsumptive impoundments to reflect *Foster* standard of water source impacts.
- Updated statement on accounting for evaporative loss from impoundments (*Foster* consistency).
- Revised “same pool” definitions (*Foster* consistency).
- Added interlink with POL-2010: Defining and Delineation of Water Sources.

Section 4: Nonconsumptive Water Use, Groundwater

- Made language revisions for clarity.
- Updated injection well permitting statement for consistency with Water Quality UIC Program, including interlink with WAC 173-218.

Section 5: Concurrent Use of Groundwater and Surface Water

- Updated statement on review and approval of concurrent use of surface and groundwater to reflect current approval process.
- Added interlink with POL-2010: Defining and Delineation of Water Sources

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2511104.html>

² <https://appswr.ecology.wa.gov/docs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol1020.pdf>

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