

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
WHATCOM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA and
WRIA 1 WATER USERS,

Defendant.

NO. 24

COURT CLAIM OF WATER RIGHT
FULL-LENGTH COURT CLAIM

This is the Department of Ecology's Full-Length Court Claim Form for people with property in the Whatcom and Skagit counties known as Water Resource Inventory Area One (WRIA 1).

You must submit this court claim form if you want to retain the right to legally use water in WRIA 1.

- *If you have multiple water rights, you must submit a separate full-length court claim form for each water right.*
- *If you source your water from a permit-exempt well and are only claiming 500 gallons per day (gpd) or less for in-door domestic use, and an additional ½ acre (21,780 square feet) for outdoor watering, you may use the Small Use Court Claim Form instead of this form.*
- *For all other permit-exempt groundwater uses, use this form.*

Important! If there are water right documents listed for your property, you will need access to them in order to complete this form.

1. **Who is claiming water? RCW 90.03.140(1)(a)**

A Claimant is the person or organization claiming the right to use this water. This is usually the owner of the water well or diversion, and the land where water is used.

Claimant 1

Adjudication ID, if available: _____

If you received a court claim form by mail, this is the 10-digit number on the front of the mailing.

Is this claimant a person or an organization? [] Person [] Organization

If the claimant is an organization, use the full name of the organization here.

Name of Claimant 1: _____
Claimant's Mailing Address: _____
Address line 2: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Country: _____
Claimant's Phone Number: _____
Claimant's Email Address: _____

Claimant 2 (if any)

Is this claimant a person or an organization? [] Person [] Organization

Name of Claimant 2: _____
Claimant's Mailing Address: _____
Address line 2: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Country: _____
Claimant's Phone Number: _____
Claimant's Email Address: _____

Additional Claimants: To add more claimants, attach an additional page with their names and the full information requested above.

2. Legal Basis of water right RCW 90.03.140(1)(j)

What is the legal basis for this court claim? (Choose one)

- Water Right Document. Document number is: _____
- Groundwater Permit Exemption (See RCW 90.44.050)
- Other. Please explain: _____

3. When did this use begin?

If known, when did construction of the withdrawal or diversion works begin?

(month/day/year) **RCW 90.03.140(1)(d)**: _____

If known, when was the construction of the withdrawal or diversion works completed? (month/day/year) **RCW 90.03.140(1)(d)**: _____

The date the first steps were taken to put the water to beneficial use. **RCW 90.03.140(1)(c)**: _____

4. Source of water use RCW 90.03.140(1)(i)

What is the source of water for this court claim?

- Surface water
- Groundwater
- Both

5. Surface water source information RCW 90.03.140(1)(i)

If you do not use surface water, please move on to Section 5.

Where does your surface water come from?

- Spring
- Creek/Stream/River
- Lake
- Reservoir
- Other. Please explain: _____

What is the source name? _____

This source is a tributary to (if any): _____

Diversion(s)/Work(s) name (Diversion 1): _____

6. **Groundwater source information RCW 90.03.140(1)(i)**

If you do not use groundwater, please move on to Section 6.

How do you withdraw water from the ground?

Well

Other underground collection device

RCW 90.03.140(1)(k)

If you know, how deep is your well (feet)? _____

If you have a well report, use the well depth listed there.

Use this link to see if a driller's well report is on file with Ecology:

[Well Report Search \(wa.gov\)](http://wa.gov)

If available, what is your well tag number? _____

Well Name(s) (e.g. Well 1): _____

7. **Where is this water withdrawn or diverted? RCW 90.03.140(1)(h)**

Parcel number of property with withdrawal or diversion works: _____

Do you own this property? Yes No

If you do not own this property, what is the name of the owner?

Street address of property with withdrawal or diversion works:

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) of well or surface water diversion (if available):

Please enter in decimal degrees format (e.g. 48.783487, -122.588267).

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Legal description of point of diversion and/or wells:

If there are additional diversions or wells, please list their names (Well 2, Well 3, etc) here:

8. Where is this water used? RCW 90.03.140(1)(g)

Parcel number(s) of property where water is used: _____

Do you own this property? Yes No

If you do not own this property, what is the name of the owner?

Street address of property where water is used:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Legal description of area where water is used:

9. What is the water used for? RCW 90.03.140(1)(b)

*Please check all that apply to you. If you check a use, then follow the prompts under each section. Select **either** cubic feet per second for surface water uses or gallons per minute for groundwater uses. **Definitions can be found in the instructions.***

Irrigation **RCW 90.03.140(1)(e)**

	Quantity
Instantaneous quantity of water currently used for irrigation <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute	
Maximum instantaneous quantity of water ever used for irrigation	

<input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Instantaneous quantity of water claimed for this purpose RCW 90.03.140(1)(l) <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Annual quantity of water currently used for irrigation (acre-feet)		
Maximum annual quantity of water ever used for irrigation (acre-feet)		
Annual quantity of water claimed for this purpose (acre-feet)		
Current area irrigated (acres)		
Maximum area ever irrigated (acres) RCW 90.03.140(1)(e)		
	Begin date	End date
Dates of Irrigation (dd/mm)		

Stockwater **RCW 90.03.140(1)(e)**

	Quantity	
Instantaneous quantity of water currently used for stock water <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Maximum instantaneous quantity of water ever used for stock water <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Instantaneous quantity of water claimed for this purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Annual quantity of water currently used for stock water (acre-feet)		
Maximum annual quantity of water ever used for stock water (acre-feet)		
Annual quantity of water claimed for this purpose (acre-feet)		
	Begin date	End date
Dates of seasonal stock watering (if not year-round) (dd/mm)		

[] Other Commercial/Industrial use not listed above
RCW 90.03.140(1)(e) and (l)

	Quantity	
Instantaneous quantity of water currently used for commercial/industrial use <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Maximum instantaneous quantity of water ever used for commercial/industrial use <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Instantaneous quantity of water claimed for this purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Annual quantity of water currently used for commercial/industrial use (acre-feet)		
Maximum annual quantity of water ever used for commercial/industrial use (acre-feet)		
Annual quantity of water claimed for this purpose (acre-feet)		
	Begin date	End date
Dates of seasonal use (if not year-round) (dd/mm)		

[] Domestic use
RCW 90.03.140(1)(e) and (l)

How many homes are included on this water right court claim? _____

	Quantity	
Instantaneous quantity of water currently used for domestic use <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Instantaneous quantity of water claimed for this purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Maximum instantaneous quantity of water ever used for domestic use <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Annual quantity of water currently used for domestic use (acre-feet)		
Maximum annual quantity of water ever used for domestic use (acre-feet)		
Annual quantity of water claimed for this purpose (acre-feet)		

Current size of area for outdoor watering (lawn, garden, and landscaping) (acres)		
Maximum non-commercial outdoor area for domestic use (lawn, garden, and landscaping) ever watered (acres)		
	Begin date	End date
Dates of seasonal use (if not year-round)		

Municipal use
RCW 90.03.140(1)(e) and (l)

	Quantity
Instantaneous quantity of water currently used for municipal use <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute	
Maximum instantaneous quantity of water ever used for municipal use <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute	
Instantaneous quantity of water claimed for this purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute	
Annual quantity of water currently used for municipal use (acre-feet)	
Maximum annual quantity of water ever used for municipal use (acre-feet)	
Annual quantity of water claimed for this purpose (acre-feet)	

Is the existing water right supplementary, additive, or non-additive to another water right in your municipal water right portfolio?

- Yes. List the associated water right number(s): _____
 No

Hydropower
RCW 90.03.140(1)(e) and (l)

Is water diverted from the natural stream course into a bypass reach?

- Yes. If yes, please describe: _____
 No

	Quantity	
Instantaneous quantity of water currently used for hydropower <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Maximum instantaneous quantity of water ever used for hydropower <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Instantaneous quantity of water claimed for this purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Cubic feet per second <input type="checkbox"/> Gallons per minute		
Maximum annual quantity of water ever used for hydropower, if listed on water right document (acre-feet)		
	Begin date	End date
Dates of seasonal power generation (if not year-round)		

Storage

	Quantity	
Annual quantity of water currently stored (acre-feet)		
Maximum annual quantity of water ever stored (acre-feet)		
Annual quantity of water claimed for storage (acre-feet)		
	Begin date	End date
Dates of seasonal storage (if not year-round)		

Briefly describe your retention structure: _____

Other

Please quantify and describe any additional uses for water.

10. Remarks or Explanations

Use this space to list additional claimants, diversion points, wells, or other information about this water use.

11. Signatures RCW 90.03.140(2)

Based on the answers you provided above, please sign the prompts below.

Claimant 1 fills out below:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (including any attachments) are true.

[] I have attached (#): _____ pages.

Signed at (*city and state*): _____ Date: _____



Claimant signs here

Print name

Title

Claimant 2 (if any) fills out below:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Signed at (*city and state*): _____ Date: _____



Claimant 2 signs here

Print name

Title

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