

**WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**DIVISION 517**  
**SOUTH COAST BASIN PROGRAM**

[NOTE: The South Coast Basin is delineated on agency Map, File 17.6, available from the agency.]

**690-517-0000**

**Classifications**

(1) Ground water resources in sections or the portions of Sections 13, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27, 32, 33 and 34 of Township 23 South, Range 13 West; 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of Township 24 South, Range 13 West; and 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Township 25 South, Range 13 West, bounded on the north by Tenmile Creek, on the west by the Pacific Ocean, on the south by Coos Bay and on the east by Highway 101 are hereby classified for single or group domestic, livestock, irrigation of lawns and noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area and any single industrial or commercial use not exceeding 5,000 gallons per day.

(2) The waters of the following lakes are classified only for domestic, livestock, municipal, irrigation of lawns and noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area and in-lake use for recreation, fish life and wildlife. The Director of the Water Resources Department may place specific limits on municipal appropriations from the lakes or require outlet control structures to protect recreation, fish life and wildlife uses:

- (a) Bradley Lake;
- (b) Eel Lake;
- (c) Garrison Lake.

(3) All other natural lakes are classified only for domestic and livestock uses, irrigation of lawns and noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area and in-lake use for recreation, fish life and wildlife.

(4) Waters of the following streams and all tributaries are classified only for domestic and livestock uses, irrigation of lawns and noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area, fire control and instream use for recreation, fish life and wildlife:

- (a) Glenn Creek (tributary to the East Fork Millicoma River);
- (b) Brush Creek.

(5) The waters of the Middle Fork of the Coquille River and tributaries upstream from the confluence with Holmes Creek are classified only for domestic, livestock and irrigation of lawns and noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area and instream use for recreation, fish life and wildlife during the period from July 1 to September 30 of every year. Water stored between October 1 and June 30 may be used at any time for purpose specified in section (8) of this rule.

(6) The waters of the West Fork Millicoma River and tributaries above Stall Falls are classified for municipal, domestic and livestock uses, irrigation of lawns and noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area and instream use for recreation, fish life and wildlife.

(7) The waters of Pony Creek above lower Pony Creek Dam and Ferry and Geiger Creeks above the Ferry Creek -- Geiger Creek confluence are classified for municipal use.

(8) All other surface and ground water resources are hereby classified for domestic, livestock, municipal, industrial, fire control, irrigation, agricultural use, mining, power development, recreation, wildlife and fish life uses.

(9) Applications for the use of water for any purposes contrary to classifications specified in the basin program shall not be accepted or granted except as provided by law. The Director shall notify the Board and other interested individuals or agencies of the intent to accept an application for use in conflict with the adopted program in accordance with [ORS 536.380](#) if the proposed use will not have a significant impact on any other water use as provided in sections (1) through (8) of this rule and in OAR 690-517-0010 through 690-517-0020.

(10) The planning, construction and operation of any structures or works for the utilization of water in accordance with the aforementioned classifications are to conform with the applicable provisions of ORS 536.310, including but not restricted to the recommendation of the multiple-purpose concept.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536 & [ORS 537](#)

Stats. Implemented:

Hist.: WRB 24, f. 12-16-63; WRB f. 6-2-64; WRD 4, f. 5-6-77; WRD 6, f. 7-5-77; WRD 1-1979, f. & cert. ef. 2-1-79; WRD 6-1980, f. & cert. ef. 4-11-80; WRD 4-1981, f. & cert. ef. 5-28-81; WRD 5-1984, f. & cert. ef. 10-30-84; Administrative Renumbering 1-1993, Renumbered from 690-080-0170

### **690-517-0010**

#### **Reservations**

Water in the amounts specified is reserved in the following streams for municipal use:

(1) Chetco River -- three cfs, downstream from the confluence with the North Fork Chetco River.

(2) Winchuck River -- one cfs, downstream from the confluence with Bear Creek.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536 & [ORS 537](#)

Stats. Implemented:

Hist.: WRB 24, f. 12-16-63; WRB f. 6-2-64; WRD 4, f. 5-6-77; WRD 6, f. 7-5-77; WRD 1-1979, f. & cert. ef. 2-1-79; WRD 6-1980, f. & cert. ef. 4-11-80; WRD 4-1981, f. & cert. ef. 5-28-81; WRD 5-1984, f. & cert. ef. 10-30-84; Administrative Renumbering 1-1993, Renumbered from 690-080-0170

## 690-517-0020

### Minimum Perennial Streamflows

(1) For the purpose of maintaining a minimum perennial streamflow sufficient to support aquatic life, no appropriations of water except for domestic or livestock uses and irrigation of noncommercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre in area shall be allowed for the waters of the streams and tributaries listed in **Table 1** when flows are below the specified levels.

(2) The Water Policy Review Board requests the opportunity to review applications for an allowed beneficial use that has traditionally been identified as nonconsumptive or take-and-put, such as fish hatcheries, hydroelectric facilities, municipal or water process industries that could potentially impact, in an adverse way, the Board's minimum flow regime or the public interest. The Water Policy Review Board intends to continue to protect, in its entirety, that portion of the stream system on which any minimum streamflow has been established. Permitting procedures and water use regulation should reflect that objective as far as possible under the law. The Board solicits the advice or complaints of any party who is aware that the objectives are not being met.

(3) Minimum flows established in the Water Resource Program for the South Coast Basin dated May 22, 1964 (**Table 2**), shall remain in full force and effect except as follows:

(a) The minimum perennial streamflow for the Elk River above U.S. Highway 101 crossing (45 cfs) is rescinded;

(b) The minimum perennial streamflow for the Coquille River Middle Fork above Bear Creek (4 cfs) is rescinded;

(c) The minimum perennial streamflow for the Sixes River above the U.S. Highway 101 crossing is reduced to 25 cfs during the period from August 1 to September 30;

(d) The minimum perennial streamflow for the South Fork Coquille River near Powers is reduced to 15 cfs during the period from June 16 to September 30.

(4) For purposes of distributing water, minimum flows established in 1964 shall be considered part of and not in addition to revised minimum flow regimes.

(5) To support aquatic life and minimize pollution, in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 796, Oregon Laws 1983, no appropriations of water shall be made or granted by any state agency or public corporation of the state for the waters of the Coquille River and tributaries when flows are below the specified levels in **Table 2**. This limitation shall not apply to:

(a) Domestic and livestock uses and irrigation of non-commercial gardens not exceeding 1/2 acre in area;

(b) Water legally released from storage.

[ED. NOTE: The Tables referenced in this rule is not printed in the OAR Compilation.

Copies are available from the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536 & [ORS 537](#)

Stats. Implemented:

Hist.: WRB 24, f. 12-16-63; WRB f. 6-2-64; WRD 4, f. 5-6-77; WRD 6, f. 7-5-77; WRD 1-1979, f. & cert. ef. 2-1-79; WRD 6-1980, f. & cert. ef. 4-11-80; WRD 4-1981, f. & cert. ef. 5-28-81; WRD 5-1984, f. & cert. ef. 10-30-84; Administrative Renumbering 1-1993, Renumbered from 690-080-0170

### **690-517-0030**

#### **Storage**

(1) All applications for appropriation of water for storage in structures impounding more than 3,000,000 gallons of water shall be reviewed by the Water Policy Review Board prior to approval. During the review the Water Policy Review Board may establish additional minimum flows on the natural flow of the stream to support aquatic life or minimize pollution.

(2) The following reservoir sites should be protected through the comprehensive planning process for possible future development or until alternative methods of meeting water needs have been developed:

- (a) West Fork of the Millicoma River, site 223;
- (b) South Fork of Coquille River at Eden Ridge, site 430;
- (c) North Fork Coquille River, site 146A;
- (d) Rock Creek at Rasler Creek, site 201;
- (e) Catching Creek, site 101;
- (f) Fourmile Creek, site 158;
- (g) North Fork Floras Creek at Okietown, sit 435;
- (h) North Fork Chetco River, site 239;
- (i) Wheeler Creek, site 241;
- (j) East Fork Winchuck River, site 243;
- (k) Joe Ney Slough.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536 & [ORS 537](#)

Stats. Implemented:

Hist.: WRB 24, f. 12-16-63; WRB f. 6-2-64; WRD 4, f. 5-6-77; WRD 6, f. 7-5-77; WRD 1-1979, f. & cert. ef. 2-1-79; WRD 6-1980, f. & cert. ef. 4-11-80; WRD 4-1981, f. & cert. ef. 5-28-81; WRD 5-1984, f. & cert. ef. 10-30-84; Administrative Renumbering 1-1993, Renumbered from 690-080-0170

### **690-517-0040**

#### **Out-of-Basin Appropriations**

No out-of-basin diversion of South Coast Basin water shall be made or granted by any state agency or public corporation of the state without the prior approval of, and following a public hearing by, the Water Policy Review Board.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536 & [ORS 537](#)

Stats. Implemented:

Hist.: WRB 24, f. 12-16-63; WRB f. 6-2-64; WRD 4, f. 5-6-77; WRD 6, f. 7-5-77; WRD 1-1979, f. & cert. ef. 2-1-79; WRD 6-1980, f. & cert. ef. 4-11-80; WRD 4-1981, f. & cert. ef. 5-28-81; WRD 5-1984, f. & cert. ef. 10-30-84; Administrative Renumbering 1-1993, Renumbered from 690-080-0170

### **690-517-0050**

#### **Existing Rights**

Water rights and permits issued prior to the effective date of this program shall not be affected except as provided in OAR 690-517-0020 and 690-517-0030(1).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 536 & [ORS 537](#)

Stats. Implemented:

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