

**WAC 173-518-076 Expedited processing.** Ecology may give priority to the processing of an application for a change or transfer of an existing water right, a water budget neutral determination, or issuance of a water right permit if the application or request is expected to:

- (1) Fully offset impacts to surface water;
- (2) Benefit stream flows; or
- (3) Otherwise substantially enhance or protect the quality of the natural environment.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 90.54, 90.22, 90.82, 90.03, 90.42, and 90.44 RCW. WSR 12-23-054 (Order 07-17), § 173-518-076, filed 11/16/12, effective 1/2/13.]