

WAC 173-515-070 Exemptions. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall affect existing water rights, riparian, appropriative, or otherwise, existing on the effective date of this chapter, nor shall it affect existing rights relating to the operation of any navigation, hydro-electric or water storage reservoir or related facilities.

(2) If, upon detailed analysis, appropriate and environmentally sound proposed storage facilities are found to be compatible with this chapter, such facilities may be approved but will be subject to the establishment of appropriate protection flows for drought or low runoff periods.

(3) Domestic use for a single residence shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter. If the cumulative effects of numerous single domestic diversions would seriously affect the quantity of water available for instream uses, then domestic in-house use shall be exempt if no alternative source is available.

(4) Stockwatering use, except that related to feedlots, shall be exempt from the provisions established in this chapter.

(5) Future rights for nonconsumptive uses may be granted.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 90.22 and 90.54 RCW. WSR 81-16-003 (Order DE 80-45), § 173-515-070, filed 7/24/81.]