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Brief Description: Conserving water to halt the decline in wild stocks of salmonids.

HB 2629 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Directs the department of ecology to give preference to, in administration of proceeds from the sale of bonds under RCW 43.99E.025, agricultural water supply facilities that are operated by public bodies that have adopted rate structures that provide an incentive to water users to conserve water.

Requires the preference for a period of four years in the Dungeness, Cowlitz, Dewatto, and Tahuya watersheds.

Requires water purveyors, by October 1, 1993, to evaluate whether it is appropriate to adopt delivery rate structures that encourage water conservation.

Requires the department to recommend appropriate minimum flow levels for the Entiat, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Methow rivers.