

**RCW 90.44.020 Purpose of chapter.** This chapter regulating and controlling groundwaters of the state of Washington shall be supplemental to chapter 90.03 RCW, which regulates the surface waters of the state, and is enacted for the purpose of extending the application of such surface water statutes to the appropriation and beneficial use of groundwaters within the state. [1945 c 263 § 1; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 7400-1.]