



Willamette Basin Reallocation Implementation

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Next Steps: Legislative and Contract

- **Transfers of Storage**
 - Two certificates for irrigation (Reclamation)
 - Secure statutory authority to transfer character of use
 - BOR to expand uses on certificates
 - Agricultural Irrigation
 - Municipal and Industrial
 - Fish and Wildlife
- **Contract with Corps of Engineers**
 - Special provision for Willamette Basin (ORS 537.346)

Next Steps: Conversion

- **Conversion of Willamete Minimum Perennial Streamflows (MPSF) to Instream Water Rights (ISWR)**
 - 24 MPSFs with stored water component
 - MPSFs exceed storage capacity
 - Quantify target flows below reservoirs: reach, timing, quantity
 - Propose to convert up to reallocated quantity
 - Hearings on any contested conversions
 - Issue certificates on non-contested conversions

Next Steps: Management

- **Management of reservoir releases**
 - Corps, Reclamation, fish agencies (fed and state), and OWRD
 - Coordination on releases
- **Water passing the dam: live flow, stored water or both?**
 - Water-in and water-out
 - 13 reservoirs
 - Inflows below the reservoirs
 - Consumptive/non-consumptive rights (and then there are contracts)

Next Steps: Water Rights and Contracts

- **Contract management**
 - Contract with federal reservoirs owner
 - Tracking water rights / water contracts with users
 - Regulation of water rights and contracts

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