

AGENDA—STOCK WATER WORK GROUP

Date: December 2, 2009 Time: 9:30AM – 12:30PM

**Location: Washington State Legislature Capital Campus,
John A. Cherberg Building—Conference Rooms A-B-C**

9:30 - 9:45

- Gather, welcome, review minutes and meeting notes

9:45 - 12:00

- Report on Stakeholder Meetings held on October 22, 2009 and November 24, 2009.
- Report from Caucuses on the following topics*:
 - 1) Define "stock-watering purposes"
 - 2) Provide a process for Ecology to tentatively confirm (and register?) the extent and validity of the water rights put to beneficial use by existing operations under the authority of the exemption.
 - 3) Provide a process for existing operations that rely upon the exemption to have their authorized withdrawal quantities and beneficial uses of water registered and verified by Ecology.
 - 4) Establish clear quantity limits for new livestock operations that intend to rely upon the exemption in the future.
 - 5) Provide a process to recognize and protect from relinquishment the reduced water use of registered livestock operations.
 - 6) Facilitate more efficient consolidation and movement of livestock and their associated water requirements among registered livestock operations.
 - 7) Create mechanisms to manage the use of the permit exemption and ensure that existing water rights are not impaired.

* The stakeholder group did discuss changing the order of these topics or consolidating topics and their discussion may include those changes.

- Report from Caucuses on Senator Rockefeller's proposals addressing the following topics:
 - 1) Adopting a sustainability policy for ground water
 - 2) Ground water data and management
 - 3) Requiring water users that need additional ground water above a volumetric cap in the exemption to obtain a water right permit
 - 4) Regulation among water rights based upon priority dates
 - 5) General stream adjudications
 - 6) Assisting new livestock operations to find water

12:00 - 12:15

- Discussion of Draft Report

12:15 - 12:30

- Next steps, adjournment