

**WAC 173-152-010 Purpose.** This rule establishes the framework under which the department can:

- (1) Provide for the organization of its work;
- (2) Prioritize basins to be assessed;
- (3) Conduct basin assessments;
- (4) Prioritize investigations of water right applications by geographic areas; and
- (5) Establish criteria for priority processing of applications for:
  - (a) New water rights; and
  - (b) Change or transfer of existing water rights.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21A.064(9), 43.27A.090(11), chapters 90.03, 90.44, 90.54, and 90.82 RCW. WSR 11-01-126 (Order 09-05), § 173-152-010, filed 12/20/10, effective 1/20/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21A.064(8) and 43.27A.090(11). WSR 98-06-042 (Order 97-14), § 173-152-010, filed 2/27/98, effective 3/30/98.]