

# Columbia River Basin Water Management Program

## Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives

### Vision

Preserve and enhance the standard of living for the people of Washington by strengthening economic conditions and restoring and protecting the Columbia Basin's unique natural environment.

### Mission

Aggressively pursue development of water supplies to benefit both instream and out-of-stream water uses.

### Goals

- Enhance the natural environment to benefit people, fish and wildlife.
- Meet the needs of out-of-stream water users.

### Objectives

- Develop timely and cost effective water supplies to benefit both instream and out-of-stream water uses.
- Develop creative and innovative tools to allocate water to meet both instream and out-of-stream needs.
- Manage the Columbia River Water Resources Account responsibly, and make best and balanced use of these scarce public resources.
- Implement a drought insurance program for existing interruptible water uses on the Columbia River.
- Publish comprehensive water supply and demand data to inform decision making.
- Provide easy public access to information about Columbia River water use.
- Work closely with county governments and watershed planning units to ensure the Program is responsive to local priorities.
- Establish and maintain communication avenues that encourage dialogue between the program and the public; within the Policy Advisory Group: and with other states, Canada and tribal governments.