

Intra-basin Water Movement (June 2008)						
Rec #	Recommendation	Implementer(s)	Implementation Target	Latest Status Update (Year provided)	2018 Status	Comments from Latest Update (Please include any new comments in track changes)
1.1	Clarify and document the standard water application process.	ESRD		Not under consideration at this time (2016)	Pending – uncertain	<p>There has not been a published response to the recommendations. However, various recommendations have been considered in previous and ongoing water allocation system review and regulatory/policy development work undertaken by the department; a comprehensive response for these recommendations is not being developed. Recent work and initiatives that are affecting policy development around intra-basin water movement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10-year review of the <i>Approved Water Management Plan for the South Saskatchewan River Basin (Alberta)</i>, being undertaken by the basin WPACs and GoA;</li> <li>• Consideration of new policies and protocols resulting from the emergence of Whirling disease in Alberta (specifically), and acknowledgement of other actual or potential aquatic invasive species threats (generally).</li> </ul>
2.1	Develop a meaningful public participation process that can be modified to suit different levels of impacts associated with an IBWM application. The process should address notification, public input, the content of the decision document and its communication.	ESRD				
3.1	Create a decision tree for the IBWM process that balances the degree of potential impact associated with an IBWM application with the information required and the level of scrutiny it undergoes.	ESRD				
3.2	A review process associated with each level of impact needs to be developed. It may be included within the decision tree or it may exist in addition to the decision tree.	ESRD				
3.3	The decision tree should balance the degree of public participation and notice with the level of potential impact.	ESRD				
4.1	As part of the development of the decision tree, certain elements that will serve as ‘triggers’ for more rigorous regulatory scrutiny and as factors to be considered at a particular level of review need to be identified and quantified, where possible.	ESRD				
5.1	Licence conditions should be associated with application approvals, where appropriate.	ESRD				
6.1	Alberta Environment should report back to the AWC by December 2008 responding to the IBWM recommendations with a plan for timely implementation.	ESRD	1-Dec-08			