



**WRIA 55/57 & 54**  
**Instream Flow Work Group**  
**December 11, 2007 Meeting Recap**

- o Decision Making Agreement
  - o SVRP Model Scenario–Full Inchoate Right Exercised
  - o Control Points Presentation–John Covert, Ecology
  - o PHABSIM Considerations – Hal Beecher, WDFW
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# Decision Making Agreement

- Strive to reach consensus
  - If consensus not reached, group will provide a report back to planning units with majority & minority perspectives
  - A tally of votes with names and organizations will be provided in the report
  - This work group is only providing recommendations for the Planning Units to consider. Planning Unit will ultimately decide what recommendation is made to Ecology
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## SVRP Model Run

- Performed a model run with full inchoate rights exercised to see predicted impacts on Spokane River flows during critical low flow times (August).
- Results: A reduction of between 208 and 280 cfs at the Spokane Gage.

## Instream Flow Rule Control Points

- Presentation by John Covert, Ecology Water Resources Program.
- Advocates 3 control points
  - Barker Road – surface water control only
  - Spokane Gage or Seven Mile Gage
  - Near Little Falls Dam
- 9 Mile Location to “bumpy” for realistic regulation on interruptible water rights.

# PHABSIM Model Considerations

- Model reliability diminishes as the water depth increases.
- Model is better at predicting when there is not enough flow not when there is too much.
- We should be very cautious about expectations of improvement (increased fish production) through flow reduction.

## Meeting Discussion

- Group requested Ecology & WDFW to provide WG with a minimum flow they consider adequate at the next meeting.
- Pros/cons of specific control points were discussed. WG members should expect to make a final decision at next meeting.
- All meeting summaries, presentations, etc available at:  
<http://www.spokanecounty.org/wqmp/ISFWG/ASP/Home.asp>
- Next meeting: 1:30 – 4:30 pm, January 29<sup>th</sup>, WDFW Building 2315 Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA