

**RCW 90.54.050 Setting aside or withdrawing waters—Rules—
Consultation with legislative committees—Public hearing, notice—
Review.** In conjunction with the programs provided for in RCW
90.54.040(1), whenever it appears necessary to the director in
carrying out the policy of this chapter, the department may by rule
adopted pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW:

(1) Reserve and set aside waters for beneficial utilization in
the future, and

(2) When sufficient information and data are lacking to allow for
the making of sound decisions, withdraw various waters of the state
from additional appropriations until such data and information are
available. Before proposing the adoption of rules to withdraw waters
of the state from additional appropriation, the department shall
consult with the standing committees of the house of representatives
and the senate having jurisdiction over water resource management
issues.

Prior to the adoption of a rule under this section, the
department shall conduct a public hearing in each county in which
waters relating to the rule are located. The public hearing shall be
preceded by a notice placed in a newspaper of general circulation
published within each of said counties. Rules adopted hereunder shall
be subject to review in accordance with the provisions of RCW
34.05.240. [1997 c 439 s 2; 1997 c 32 s 3; 1988 c 47 s 7; 1971 ex.s.
c 225 s 5.]

Reviser's note: This section was amended by 1997 c 32 s 3 and by
1997 c 439 s 2, each without reference to the other. Both amendments
are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW
1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

WAC 173-563-015—Validity—1997 c 439: "WAC 173-563-015 as it
existed prior to July 27, 1997, is void." [1997 c 439 s 1.]

Application—1988 c 47: See note following RCW 90.54.030.