

OBWB POLICY – MULTIPLE USE OF CROWN LAND IN WATERSHEDS:

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WHEREAS

- A. The Okanagan Basin is an integrated watershed where multiple uses of land and water are observed and practiced.
- B. The Okanagan watershed has inherent ecological integrity and provides ecosystem services that are critically reliant on the availability and natural cycling of water through the environment.
- C. The Okanagan watershed provides a natural source of water for, among others:
  - a. Drinking and domestic purposes
  - b. Agriculture, industry, recreation and other human uses
  - c. Sustaining critical environmental flows during periods of stress
- D. The responsible and informed management of human activities and multiple land uses in the Okanagan watershed will greatly minimize the risk of adverse effects on water supply and water quality for the benefit of both human and environmental systems.
- E. The Okanagan Basin Water Board believes protection of water supply and quality takes priority in the watershed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The OBWB supports responsible management of human activities and multiple land uses in the Okanagan Basin with the objective of ensuring a sustainable and high-quality supply of water for present and future generations.**