



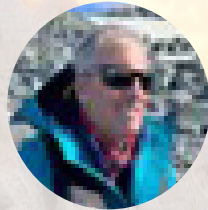
International St. Mary-Milk Rivers Study Technical Working Groups

Water Apportionment and Administrative Options



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Focus

The Water Apportionment and Administrative Options (WAAO) Technical Working Group (TWG) will review existing procedures and explore potential changes in water sharing apportionment and administrative water management procedures. Specifically, the WAAO TWG will:

- Review and document past efforts to improve the sharing of water between Canada and the United States through modifications to the existing administrative procedures.
- Develop potential water apportionment and administrative options beyond those previously considered or deemed feasible.

Background

The WAAO TWG work will build on efforts initiated in 2006 including:

1. International St. Mary – Milk Rivers Administrative Measures Task Force Report April 2006,
2. MT-AB Water Management Initiative 2008 – 2022, and
3. Accredited Officers Options and Recommendations – June 18, 2019.

The WAAO-TWG's work will be guided by the water apportionment and administrative procedures set under Article VI of the **1909 Boundary Waters Treaty**, and the **1921 Order of the International Joint Commission**.

Planned Outputs

The goal of the WAAO TWG will be to produce recommendations on potentially promising changes to the existing apportionment and administrative procedures used by the US-Canada Accredited Officers. WAAO TWG options to improve access to water entitlements will be modeled in current and future climate change scenarios.