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The two comments below refer to Item 7 on page 20 of the Water Trust, Banking, and Transfers Findings and Recommendations document which states: "In policy, clarify that any water right used for long-term or permanent mitigation must first undergo a tentative determination of extent and validity."

- 1. In addition to mitigation, this should also include streamflow enhancement for extent and validity determination. Mitigation indicates water can be used to offset consumptive out-of-stream uses, while streamflow enhancement indicates in-stream use only. The two are a bit different and the policy as written could be interpreted to mean that water meant for streamflow enhancement may not require extent and validity. Including streamflow enhancement helps clarify that extent and validity applies to both of these water-related environmental benefits in the long-term and permanent cases.
- 2. The phrase 'long-term' needs a precise or specific time period definition so that Ecology has a clear direction of when to apply an extent and validity determination in the non-permanent case.