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The Color of Water proposal would allow for changes to irrigation rights in the Mid-Columbia region, including Mid-C permits, provided these changes have no deleterious effects on the river. This approach acknowledges that regional permits serve multiple water supply projects and supports the fundamental goal of the Permits and the Mid-C to provide a mitigated Columbia River water source for the entire region.

Ultimately, this solution optimizes the use of existing water rights to meet the needs of the Mid-Columbia region.

Best regards,

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