Ann Diers

From: Sent:

Jim Cook [jcook@dnr.state.ne.us] Monday, March 28, 2005 12:04 PM

To:

'Ann Diers'

Subject:

RE: Legislative Fixes pertaining to eliminating reference to transfers to other basins

Ann,

I think I recall how we got there. We decided that the "no harm" provision would be sufficient to protect against any out of basin water right transfers. There arguably would still be a need for the interbasin transfer law (46-288 and 289) because that law applies to new applications for physical transfers of water under 46-233, not to transfers of already approved water rights.

Frankly, I still do not see a need for a fix relative to this section. If the "tributary" part is removed, it would not be possible to transfer from the Loup or Elkhorn basins to the Lower Platte. I understand why we may not want to allow transfers from the Platte to the Loup or Elkhorn, but do not know why the reverse should be absolutely prevented.

Jim

----Original Message----

From: Ann Diers [mailto:adiers@dnr.state.ne.us]

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 9:57 AM

To: Jim Cook

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Importance: Low

Jim:

As I recall, the idea for this fix may have originally come from you. Can you weigh in on it? Ann

----Original Message----

From: Ann Bleed [mailto:ableed@dnr.state.ne.us]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2005 4:27 PM

To: Ann Diers

Subject: Legislative Fixes pertaining to eliminating reference to transfers to other

basins

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Ann - I got to looking at this "fix" today and have some concerns about eliminating the entire reference. I do believe the no injury standards would prevent harm, but if it is completely eliminated, then there would never be a need to have an interbasin transfer section of the law. I think we should only eliminated the "tributary section and leave the basic part of the sentence referring to must be in the same basin as defined by Ann