Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. The Basic Terms Used in the Present Code

The following basic terms are used for the purposes of the present Code:
1) "water area" meaning the water space within natural, artificial or conditional boundaries;
2) "water management" meaning an activity in the field of research, use, protection of bodies of water, and also of prevention and elimination of the negative impact of waters;
3) "water resources" meaning the surface and subsurface waters which are comprised in bodies of water and which are used or can be used;
4) "body of water" meaning a natural or artificial water reservoir, water flow or another body in which a permanent or temporary accumulation of waters has the typical forms and appearance of a water regime;
5) "water regime" meaning variation over time in the level, flow and volume of water in a body of water;
6) "the water stock" meaning the aggregate of bodies of water within the territory of the Russian Federation;
7) "water drainage" meaning any discharge of waters, including waste waters and/or drainage waters, into bodies of water;
8) "water user" meaning the natural person or legal entity having a right to use a body of water;
9) "water abstraction" meaning consumption of water from water supply systems;
10) "water supply" meaning the supply of surface or underground waters to consumers in needed quantities and in compliance with the target water quality indicators for bodies of water;
11) "water management system" meaning a set of bodies of water intended for ensuring the rational use and protection of water resources of hydraulic engineering facilities;
12) "water management tract" meaning a part of a river basin having characteristics that allow to set limits on the taking (abstraction) of water resources from a body of water and other parameters of use of a body of water (water use);
13) "drainage waters" meaning waters which are removed by means of drainage structures to be discharged into bodies of water;
14) "using bodies of water (water use)" meaning the use in various manners of bodies of water for meeting the needs of the Russian Federation, subjects of the Russian Federation, municipal formation, natural persons, legal entities;
15) "depletion of waters" meaning a permanent decline in stocks and deterioration of the quality of surface and subsurface waters;
16) "negative impact of waters" meaning flooding, waterlogging, destruction of the banks of bodies of water, bogging and another negative impact on certain territories and objects;
17) "protection of bodies of water" meaning a system of measures for conservation and restoration of bodies of water;
18) "river basin" meaning a territory from which surface water flows to a sea or lake via inter-related water reservoirs and watercourses;
19) "waste waters" meaning waters discharged into bodies of water after they have been used or have come from a polluted area.

Article 2. Water Legislation

1. The water legislation is made up of the present Code, other federal laws and the laws of subjects of the Russian Federation adopted pursuant thereto.
2. The norms which regulate the relations of use and protection of bodies of water (water relations) and which are contained in other federal laws, laws of subjects of the Russian Federation shall comply with the present Code.

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3. According to the method of use of bodies of water use is classified under the following categories:
   1) water use with the taking (abstraction) of water resources from bodies of water on the condition that water be returned into the bodies of water;
   2) water use with the taking (abstraction) of water resources from bodies of water without water being returned into the bodies of water;
   3) water use without the taking (abstraction) of water resources from bodies of water.

**Article 39.** The Rights and Duties of Owners of Bodies of Water, Water Users in the Use of Bodies of Water

1. While using bodies of water, the owners of bodies of water, water users are entitled to:
   1) use the bodies of water on their own;
   2) construct hydraulic engineering facilities and other structures on the bodies of water;
   3) enjoy the other rights envisaged by the present Code, other federal laws.

2. While using bodies of water, the owners of bodies of water, water users shall:
   1) neither infringe on the rights of other owners of bodies of water, water users nor inflict harm on the environment;
   2) maintain in operable condition the purification facilities they operate and the hydraulic engineering facilities and the other structures located on the bodies of water;
   3) inform empowered executive governmental bodies and local self-government bodies about accidents and other emergencies occurring on the bodies of water;
   4) timely take measures for preventing and eliminating emergencies on the bodies of water;
   5) keep in the established procedure a record of the volume of water resources taken (abstracted) from the bodies of water, the volume of waste waters and/or drainage waters discharged, the quality thereof, observe on a regular basis the bodies of water and their water protection zones, and also provide the results of such records and such regular observations to the federal executive governmental body empowered by the Government of the Russian Federation within the established term;
   6) execute the other duties envisaged by the present Code, other federal laws.

**Article 40.** Anti-Monopoly Provisions in the Area of Use of Bodies of Water

1. The following is hereby prohibited: monopolistic activities and unfair competition of water users that result or may result, in an infringement of the rights and lawful interests of other water users, and also of other natural persons, legal entities.

2. Federal executive governmental bodies, governmental bodies of subjects of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies are hereby prohibited to adopt the normative legal acts, non-normative acts, decisions, commit actions (omissions), conclude contracts and other agreements, commit coordinated actions which result, or may result, in a prevention of, limitation on, or elimination of, competition including through the formation of advantageous conditions for certain water users, other natural persons, legal entities in comparison with other such persons.

3. Anti-monopoly control in the area of water relations shall be exercised in accordance with the anti-monopoly legislation of the Russian Federation.

**Article 41.** Suspending or Limiting Water Use

1. Water use may be suspended or limited:
   1) if human life or heath is in danger;
   2) if a radiation accident or another natural or man-made emergency has occurred;
   3) if harm has been inflicted on the environment;
   4) in the other cases envisaged by federal laws.

2. Water use suspension in the cases envisaged by the Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation shall be effectuated in judicial proceedings. In other cases, water use suspension shall be effectuated by executive governmental bodies or local self-government bodies within the scope of their powers in keeping with federal laws.

3. A limitation on water use shall be established by a normative legal act of an executive governmental body, a normative legal acts of a local self-government body or a court's decision.

**Article 42.** Basic Provisions Applicable to Use of Bodies of Water

1. During the design, positioning, construction, re-construction and operation of hydraulic engineering structures a provision shall be made for, and a timely implementation shall be effected of,
measures for protection of bodies of water, and also of aquatic biological resources and other fauna and flora.

2. During the use of the bodies of water incorporated in water management systems it is prohibited to make a change in the water regime of these bodies of water that can lead to an infringement on third persons’ rights.

3. The work of modifying or improving a natural water reservoir or watercourse shall be carried out on the condition that its natural origin is preserved.

Article 43. Using Bodies of Water for Drinking Water Supply and Utility-household Water Supply Purposes

1. For the purposes of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply one shall use surface bodies and water and underground bodies of water protected from pollution and littering up, with the fitness thereof for the said purposes being determined on the basis of sanitary-epidemiological statements.

2. For bodies of water used for the purposes of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply sanitary protection zones and districts shall be established in accordance with the legislation on the sanitary-epidemiological welfare of the population.

3. The procedure for using underground bodies of water for the purposes of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply shall be established by the legislation on sub-soil.

4. On the territories where no surface bodies of water exist but where sufficient underground water resources are available which are fit for the purposes of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply underground waters are permitted in exceptional cases in keeping with the legislation on sub-soil to be used for purposes different from drinking water supply or utility-household water supply.

Article 44. Using Bodies of Water for the Purposes of Discharge of Waste Waters and/or Drainage Waters

1. The use of bodies of water for discharging waste waters and/or drainage waters shall be carried out in the observance of the requirements set out in the present Code and the legislation on environmental protection.

2. It is prohibited to discharge waste waters and/or drainage waters into the bodies of water:

   1) containing natural health treatment resources;
   2) classified as "bodies of water under special protection".
   3) It is prohibited to discharge waste waters and/or drainage waters into the bodies of water located within the boundaries of:
      1) zones and districts of sanitary protection of sources of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply;
      2) the first and second zones of sanitary (mountain-sanitary) protection of health-rehabilitation areas and health resorts;
      3) fish protection zones, fishery reserve zones.

4. The discharge of waste waters and/or drainage waters may be limited, suspended or prohibited on the grounds and in the procedure established by federal laws.

Article 45. Using Reservoirs

1. The use of reservoirs shall be effectuated in keeping with rules of use of the water resources of reservoirs and rules of technical operation and improvement of reservoirs.

2. The rules of use of the water resources of reservoirs define the regime of use thereof, including the regime of filling and drawdown of reservoirs. The rules of technical operation and improvement of reservoirs define the procedure for using the bed and banks thereof. The establishment of the regimes of flood water passage, special discharges, reservoir filling and drawdown is the responsibility of the federal executive governmental body empowered by the Government of the Russian Federation in accordance with the provisions of this article.

3. The rules of use of the water resources of reservoirs and the rules of technical operation and improvement of reservoirs shall be approved for each reservoir by the federal executive governmental body empowered by the Government of the Russian Federation.

4. Rules of use of a reservoir may be elaborated as comprising rules of use of the water resources of the reservoir and rules of technical operation and improvement of the reservoir.

5. Rules of use of the water resources of reservoirs and rules of technical operation and improvement of reservoirs may be elaborated for several reservoirs, for a cascade of reservoirs or for a water management system if the operating regimes of the several reservoirs and other elements of the water management system are interrelated so that they cannot operate separately.

6. The rules of use of the water resources of a reservoir shall comprise the following:

   1) the characteristics of the waterworks facility, reservoir or several reservoirs or the cascade of reservoirs and the capacities/capabilities thereof that allow to regulate the water level in the reservoirs;
2) the basic parameters and characteristics of the reservoir, including the normal water level, morphometric, hydraulic, hydrologic and thermal characteristics;  
3) the composition of, and a brief description of, the hydraulic engineering structures of the main waterworks facility (the dams, spillways, water-intake, water-release and other hydraulic engineering structures), navigation-pass structures, fish-protection and fish-pass structures and also the structures located in the water area of the reservoir and on the reservoir’s specifically-allocated area (water-intake, water-release structures, pump plants, embankments, bank-protection structures, water transport facilities and the other structures whose operation affects the water regime of the reservoir);  
4) basic watercourse characteristics (the regimes of water inflow and outflow, information on the catchment area, the boundaries of the reservoir that regulates the water regime, the coordinates of hydraulic engineering facilities and the amount of water run-off loss);  
5) requirements concerning the safety of the impounding works that form the reservoir, the safety of inhabitants and the safety of utility facilities in the reservoir’s waterside zone and at the downstream watercourse section;  
6) water abstraction volume;  
7) the procedure for regulating the reservoir’s operating regime, in particular, for the purpose of preventing accidents and other emergencies in the unified power system of Russia and of eliminating the consequences thereof;  
8) the procedure for notifying executive governmental bodies, water users, inhabitants of changes in the water regime of the reservoir, in particular, of the reservoir's operating regime in the event of an accident or another emergency;  
9) the procedure for performing works and providing information in the field of hydrometeorology;  
10) information on the actions to be carried out in the event of an accident or another emergency, and a list of relevant measures.

7. The rules of use of the water resources of reservoirs may include the necessary materials in a graphic form and the forms of the necessary documents.

8. The rules of technical operation and improvement of a reservoir shall comprise the following:  
1) a brief description of the reservoir and hydraulic engineering structures, the basic parameters thereof;  
2) information on the zones of impact of the reservoir (permanent flood zone, periodical or temporary flood zone, groundwater level rise zone, the zone of possible change of the reservoir’s banks, reservoir’s climatic impact zone, the zone of impact of long-term, seasonal, weekly, daily regulation of the surface water run-off into the body of water downstream of the waterworks facilities);  
3) a list of the measures to be implemented during the reservoir’s operation in the winter and during the flood overflow period;  
4) a list of the measures to be implemented during the operation of the reservoir in the event of an accident or another emergency (rainfall flood, storm wind, complicated ice situation, water overflow in disastrous amounts, earthquake etc.);  
5) limitations on the operation of the reservoir and a list of measures for maintaining the appropriate sanitary and technical condition of the reservoir, a list of the measures to be implemented in the water area of the reservoir, its water protection zone and in the zone of the body of water downstream from the dam in connection with the use of the reservoir for the purposes of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply, fishing and hunting, recreation, water transport, raft and other purposes, and also a list of the measures for reservoir sedimentation prevention (including silt and overgrowing clean-up, bloom control measures), prevention of pollutants and microorganisms entering the reservoir, improvement of the reservoir’s banks, the zone of the body of water downstream from the dam in keeping with the provisions of their use for economic purposes and the environmental protection standards;  
6) the procedure for organising repair and operation;  
7) the procedure for carrying out the observation of the reservoir’s condition (run-off variation, water temperature, evaporation, filtering, the chemical and biological content of water, ice thickness, sediment movement, silt build-up, changes in the banks and other phenomena);  
8) the keeping of record of use of the water resources of the reservoir;  
9) a list of methods of observation of the technical condition of the reservoir and of the structures incorporated therein, the procedure for such observation.

9. The rules of technical operation and improvement of reservoirs may include graphic materials.

Article 46. Using Bodies of Water for Electricity Generation  
1. The use of bodies of water for electricity generation shall take place with due regard for the interests of other water users and in the observance of the provisions concerning the rational use and protection of bodies of water.  
2. The water users running hydraulic engineering facilities shall ensure a regime of reservoir drawdown and filling regime with account taken of the priority of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply.
Article 47. Using Surface Bodies of Water for the Purposes of Water and Air Transport

1. Surface bodies of water shall be used as a means of communication in accordance with the legislation on water transport.
2. Surface bodies of water shall be used for the takeoff and landing of aircraft in the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 48. Using Bodies of Water for Raft

1. The water users engaged in raft shall clean bodies of water on a regular basis to remove sunk timber.
2. Raft without towing boats on the bodies of water used for navigation purposes, and loose timber floating on bodies of water are prohibited.

Article 49. Using Bodies of Water for Health Treatment and Rehabilitation Purposes

The bodies of water containing health treatment resources shall be used for health treatment and rehabilitation purposes in the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation on natural health treatment resources, health treatment and rehabilitation resources and health resorts.

Article 50. Using Bodies of Water for Recreational Purposes

1. Bodies of water shall be used for recreational purposes (leisure, tourism, sport) with due regard for the rules of use of bodies of water established by local self-government bodies in accordance with Article 6 of the present Code.
2. The designing, locating, constructing, re-constructing, commissioning and operating of buildings, houses, structures for recreational purposes, in particular, for improving beaches shall take place in keeping with the water legislation and the town planning legislation.

Article 51. Using Bodies of Water for the Purposes of Fishing and Hunting

1. In accordance with the legislation on aquatic biological resources the following shall be used for fishing purposes: the bodies of water having the significance of a fishery.
2. The bodies of water or the parts thereof which are the habitat of the fauna classified as objects of hunting may be used for the purposes of hunting and game-keeping.
3. The use of bodies of water for the purposes of hunting and game-keeping shall be effectuated in compliance with the water legislation and the legislation on fauna.

Article 52. Using Bodies of Water for Mineral Prospecting and Mining

1. The use of bodies of water for mineral prospecting and mining shall be carried out in compliance with the present Code and the legislation on the sub-soil.
2. Where peat and other mineral resources are produced the bog or a part thereof may lose its regime of body of water as the result of a full or partial peat removal, a full or partial replacement of peat with natural or man-made materials, in particular, with the sediments underlying the bog. Upon the termination of the use of the bog or of the part thereof land reclamation shall be carried out predominantly by means of watering and artificial waterlogging.

Article 53. Using Bodies of Water for Fire-Safety Purposes

1. The taking (abstraction) of water resources for fire-fighting purposes is allowed from any bodies of water without any permission, free of charge in the quantity required for elimination of fires.
2. The use of the bodies of water intended for fire-safety purposes for other purposes is prohibited.

Article 54. Using Bodies of Water in the Places of Traditional Residence and Traditional Economic Activities of Indigenous Minority Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation

1. In the places of traditional residence and traditional economic activities of indigenous small-numbered peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation executive governmental bodies of the subject of the Russian Federation shall establish a procedure for using bodies of water for the purpose of ensuring protection of the native environment and the traditional way of life of these peoples.
2. The persons belonging to the indigenous minority peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation, and their communities at the places of their traditional residence and traditional economic activities are entitled to use bodies of water for traditional nature management.

Chapter 6. Protection of Bodies of Water

Article 55. Basic Requirements Applicable to the Protection of Bodies of Water
1. The owners of bodies of water shall implement measures for protecting the bodies of water, preventing the pollution, littering up thereof as well as water depletion, and also measures for the elimination of consequences of the said phenomena. The protection of the bodies of water which are under federal ownership, the ownership of subjects of the Russian Federation, the ownership of municipal formations shall be the responsibility of executive governmental bodies or local self-government bodies within the scope of their powers in keeping with Articles 24-27 of the present Code.

2. While using bodies of water, natural persons and legal entities shall take water management measures and water body protection measures in keeping with the present Code and other federal laws.

Article 56. Protecting Bodies of Water against Pollution and Littering

1. The dumping of industrial and consumer waste into bodies of water and the burial thereof therein, like decommissioned vessels and other floating vehicles (parts and mechanisms thereof) is prohibited.

2. The works producing hard suspended particles may be carried out on a body of water only in compliance with the provisions of the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. Measures for preventing water body pollution as a result of an accident or another emergency, and for elimination of the consequences thereof shall be determined by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

4. The content of radioactive substances, pesticides, agricultural chemicals and other hazardous substances and compounds in bodies of water shall not exceed the maximum admissible levels of natural background radiation which are characteristic for specific bodies of water and the other standards established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

5. The burial of nuclear materials and radioactive substances in bodies of water is prohibited.

6. The discharge into bodies of water of waste waters in which the content of radioactive substances, pesticides, agricultural chemicals and other substances and compounds hazardous for human health exceeds the admissible extent of impact on bodies of water is prohibited.

7. The performance on bodies of water of the blasting works which are based on nuclear or another type of industrial technology and which cause the emission of radioactive and/or toxic substances is prohibited.

Article 57. Protecting Bogs against Pollution and Littering

1. It is prohibited to pollute and litter bogs with industrial and consumption waste, petroleum products, chemical pesticides and other harmful substances.

2. Bog drainage or other use of bogs or of parts thereof shall neither lead to a deterioration in the condition of unused portions of these bogs, of other bodies of water nor to water depletion.

Article 58. Protecting Glaciers and Snowfields against Pollution and Littering

1. An unauthorised discharge of waste waters to glaciers, snowfields, and also the littering of glaciers and snowfields with industrial and consumption waste and the pollution thereof with petroleum products, pesticides and other harmful substances is prohibited.

2. The taking (abstraction) of ice from glaciers shall neither have a negative impact on the condition of bodies nor cause water depletion.

Article 59. Protecting Underground Bodies of Water

1. The natural persons and legal entities whose activities have, or may have, a negative impact on the condition of underground bodies of water shall take measures for preventing the pollution and littering of the underground bodies of water and water depletion, and shall also observe the established extent of admissible impact on the underground bodies of water.

2. It is prohibited to use the catchment areas of the underground bodies of water which are used, or can be used, for the purposes of drinking water supply and utility-household water supply for the placement of landfills for industrial and consumption waste, cemeteries, burial grounds for cattle and other facilities that have a negative impact on the condition of subsurface waters.

3. The use of waste waters for irrigation and fertilisation of lands may take place in compliance with the sanitary legislation.

4. If aquifers are penetrated during the use of sub-soil, measures shall be taken to protect underground bodies of water.

5. In the design, location, construction, re-construction, commissioning, operation of water intake facilities relating to the use of underground bodies of water a provision shall be made for measures for preventing the negative impact of such structures on surface bodies of water and other environmental features/objects.

Article 60. Protection of Bodies of Water when a Water Management System is Designed, Located, Constructed, Re-Constructed, Commissioned, Operated
1. In the design, location, construction, re-construction, commissioning, operation of hydraulic engineering facilities and in the commercialisation of new technological processes account shall be taken of their impact on the condition of bodies of water, the admissible extent of impact on bodies of water shall be observed, except for the cases established by federal laws.

2. For the construction of the hydraulic engineering facilities of a new reservoir the land plots located within the inundated area are taken in accordance with the land legislation and the civil legislation.

3. The commissioning of facilities intended for irrigation and fertilisation of lands with waste waters shall not take place without the setting up of observation points to monitor the regime and quality of water in bodies of water.

4. It is prohibited to design straight-flow technical water supply systems.

5. It is prohibited to commission facilities intended for transportation, storage of crude oil and/or petroleum products without their being equipped with means of preventing water body pollution and with instruments intended for detecting leaks of the said substances.

6. During the operation of a water management system the following is prohibited:
   1) the discharge into bodies of water of waste waters that have not undergone sanitary purification, neutralisation (proceeding from the prohibition of exceeding the extent of admissible impact on bodies of water and the maximum admissible concentration of harmful substances in bodies of water), and also waste waters that do not meet technical regulations;
   2) the taking (abstraction) of water resources from a body of water in a volume that has a negative impact on the body of water;
   3) the discharge into bodies of water of waste waters containing pathogenic organisms, and also the harmful substances for which no maximum admissible concentration has been set.

7. A breach of the provisions governing the use and protection of bodies of water shall cause a limitation on, suspension of, or prohibition of, the operation of water management system facilities in the procedure envisaged by the present Code and other federal laws.

Article 61. Protection of Bodies of Water during the Performance of Works

1. Construction, dredging, blasting, drilling and other operations relating to modification of the bed and banks of bodies of water in their water protection zones, within the boundaries of wetlands of special value shall be carried out in compliance with the provisions of the legislation on environmental protection and legislation on town planning.

2. The water users that use bodies of water for taking (abstraction) of water resources shall take measures for preventing fish and other aquatic biological resources from getting into water intake facilities, and measures for preventing ground water pollution and ground water level rise.

3. Irrigation including the one using waste-waters of a quality that meets the regulations on admissible impact on bodies of water, drainage and other amelioration works shall be carried out simultaneously with measures for environmental protection, and for the protection of bodies of water and the catchment areas thereof.

Article 62. Protecting Bodies of Water when They Are Used for Electricity Generation

1. The water users using bodies of water to cater for the technological needs of thermal power and atomic power generation shall observe the temperature regime of the bodies of water.

2. The use of bodies of water for electricity generation by means of hydraulic power plants shall be carried out with account taken of the interests of other water users, the observance of provisions governing the use and protection of bodies of water, the provisions governing the conservation of aquatic biological resources and other fauna and flora, the provisions on the prevention of a negative impact of waters and on the elimination of its consequences.

Article 63. The Use, Preservation, Protection and Regeneration of the Forests Located in Water Protection Zones

The use, preservation, protection and regeneration of the forests located in water protection zones shall be carried out in accordance with the forest legislation.

Article 64. The Sanitary Protection Zones and Districts of the Bodies of Water Whose Resources Are Deemed Natural Health Treatment Resources

For the purpose of protecting the bodies of water whose water resources are deemed natural health treatment resources sanitary protection zones and districts shall be established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on natural health treatment resources, health treatment and rehabilitation areas and health resorts.

Article 65. Water Protection Zones and Waterside Protection Strips
1. "Water protection zones" are territories which are adjacent to the waterside of seas, rivers, brooks, canals, lakes, reservoirs and which have a special regime established for them for economic and other activities in order to prevent the pollution, littering and silting of these bodies of water as well as the depletion of their waters, and also the conservation of the habitat of aquatic biological resources and other fauna and flora.

2. Within the boundaries of water protection zones waterside protection strips shall be established, with additional restrictions on economic and other activities being established on the territories thereof.

3. The width of the water protection zones of seas, rivers, brooks, canals, lakes, reservoirs and the width of the waterside protection strip beyond the territories of towns/cities and other settlements shall be set from the relevant waterside. If there is a rainfall sewerage system and embankments, the boundaries of waterside protection strips of these bodies of water shall coincide with the barrier walls of the embankments, the width of water protection zones on such territories shall be set from the barrier wall of the embankment.

4. The width of the water protection zones of rivers or brooks shall be set as follows from the source thereof for rivers or brooks whose length is:
   1) up to ten kilometres: 50 metres;
   2) from ten to 50 kilometres: 100 metres;
   3) from 50 kilometres and more: 200 metres.

5. For a river, brook whose length is up to ten kilometres from source to estuary the water protection zone coincides with the waterside protection strip. The radius of the water protection zone for the source of a river, brook is equal to 50 metres.

6. The width of the water protection zone of a lake, reservoir, except for a lake located within a bog or a lake, reservoir whose water surface is less than 0.5 sq. kilometre, shall be equal to 50 metres.

7. The width of the protective zone of Lake Baikal is established by Federal Law No. 94-FZ of May 1, 1999 on the Protection of Lake Baikal.

8. The width of the water protection zone of a sea is equal to 500 metres.

9. The water protection zones of major or inter-farm canals coincide in terms of width with the land allocation strips of these canals.

10. No water protection zones are established for the rivers, of the parts thereof placed in closed tunnels.

11. The width of a waterside protection strip shall be set depending on the grade of the bank of the body of water, and it shall be equal to 30 metres for an adverse or zero grade, 40 metres for a grade of up to three degrees and 50 metres for a grade of three and more degrees.

12. For the lakes with water input and output and for the lakes with water output located within bogs’ boundaries, and for relevant watercourses the width of waterside protection strip is equal to 50 metres.

13. The width of the waterside protection strip of a lake, reservoir whose fishery significance is of special value (spawning, fattening, hibernation areas of fish and other aquatic biological resources) is equal to 200 metres, regardless of the grade of adjacent lands.

14. On the territories of settlements if there is a rainwater disposal system and an embankment, the boundaries of waterside protection strips coincide with the barrier walls of the embankments. The width of water protection zone on such territories shall be set from the barrier wall of the embankment. If there is no embankment the widths of the water protection zone, waterside protection strip shall be measured from the waterside.

15. The following is prohibited within the boundary of a water protection zone:
   1) the use of waste waters for soil fertilisation purposes;
   2) the arrangement of cemeteries, burial grounds for cattle, landfills for industrial and consumption waste, radioactive, chemical, explosive, toxic, poisonous and noxious substances;
   3) the application of means of airborne pest-control and plant disease control;
   4) the traffic and parking of vehicles (except for special vehicles), except for their movement on roads and parking on roads and on special lots with hard pavement.

16. The following is allowed within the boundaries of water protection zones: the design, location, construction, re-construction, commissioning, operation of economic and other facilities, provided such facilities are equipped with structures that ensure the protection of bodies of water against pollution, littering up and water depletion in keeping with the water legislation and the legislation on the environmental protection.

17. Together with the restrictions established by Part 15 of the present article the following is prohibited within the boundaries of waterside protection strips:
   1) the ploughing up of lands;
   2) the placement of washed-out soil deposits;
   3) the grazing of agricultural animals and the arrangement of summertime camps and bathing for them.
18. The marking of boundaries of water protection zones and the boundaries of waterside protection strips with special information signs shall be carried out in compliance with the land legislation.

Article 66. The Bodies of Water under Special Protection

1. The bodies of water or the parts thereof having a special nature conservation, scientific, cultural, esthetical, recreational and health rehabilitation significance may be deemed “bodies of water under special protection”.

2. The status, regime of special protection and the boundaries of territories within which the bodies of water specified in Part 1 of the present article are located shall be established in keeping with the legislation on the natural territories under special protection.

Article 67. Ecological Disaster Zones, Emergency Zones on Bodies of Water. Prevention of the Negative Impact of Waters and Elimination of the Consequences Thereof

1. In accordance with the legislation on environmental protection and the legislation on protection of the population against natural and man-made emergencies the following may be declared ecological disaster zones or emergency zones: the bodies of water and river basins in which changes take place due to man-made and natural phenomena as endangering human health or life, fauna and flora, other environmental objects.

2. The owner of a body of water shall take measures for preventing a negative impact of waters and for eliminating the consequences thereof. Measures for preventing a negative impact of waters and for eliminating the consequences thereof in respect of the bodies of water which are under federal ownership, the ownership of subjects of the Russian Federation, the ownership of municipal formations shall be implemented by executive governmental bodies or local self-government bodies within the scope of their powers in keeping with Articles 24-27 of the present Code.

3. The boundaries of the territories subject to flooding and waterlogging, and the regime of pursuance of economic and other activities on these territories depending on the frequency of the flooding and waterlogging thereof shall be established in accordance with the legislation on town planning.

4. The following is prohibited on the territories exposed to flooding: the arrangement of new settlements, cemeteries, burial grounds for cattle and the construction of permanent buildings, houses, structures without the completion of special protective measures for preventing the negative impact of waters.

Chapter 7. Liability for a Breach of Water Legislation

Article 68. Administrative, Criminal Liability for a Breach of Water Legislation

1. The persons violating water legislation shall be held accountable under administrative and criminal law in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. The holding of persons at fault accountable for a breach of water legislation shall not relieve them of their duty to eliminate the irregularity/offence and compensate the damage inflicted by them.

Article 69. Compensating for Harm Inflicted on Bodies of Water as a Result of a Breach of the Water Legislation

1. The person that has inflicted harm on bodies of water shall compensate for it either voluntarily or in a judicial proceeding.

2. The method for calculating the amount of harm inflicted to bodies of water are a result of a breach of the water legislation shall be approved in the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

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