Discussion Question on Water Rights

Floods are highly unpredictable and unreliable both in volume and in timing

Hence in Flood-based Farming Systems

It is almost impossible to have a regular/proper irrigation scheduling (weekly, every two weeks, etc..) as is common in perennial irrigation systems.

A set of water rights and rules are commonly used in many flood-based farming systems to ensure that floodwater is shared as fairly as possible among the different users (women, men, elderly ... etc.) at the upstream and downstream area.

The discussion question is:

Write down the five most important water rights and rules and explain why they are important?