

Category	Criteria	Guidance - All Project Types	Total Possible Points	Project Score
Overall Benefit	1) Critical Need	Does the proposal make a strong, scientifically supported, case for the need for this project?	6	
		1a) Does the proposal identify need, such as an imminent/existing threat, to important salmonid habitat that will be addressed?	(2)	
		1b) Does the proposal clearly articulate how the action will address the threat?	(2)	
		1c) Is the proposed action cited in or supported by adopted conservation and recovery plans, habitat assessments or other relevant documentation?	(2)	
	2) Species	Will the project protect or restore habitat for multiple salmonid species and/or unique populations?	6	
		2a) Does the project protect or restore habitat for multiple salmon species or unique populations?	(4)	
		2b) Has fish use been documented?	(2)	
	3) Life History Benefits	Will the project benefit multiple life history stages and/or limiting life stages?	6	
	4) Watershed Processes and Habitat Features	Does the project protect or restore high-priority habitat features and/or watershed processes that significantly protect or limit the salmonid productivity in the area?	6	
	5) High Priority Areas and Actions	Does the proposal address a high priority action in a high-priority geographic area?	6	
		5a) Is the project a high priority action? (max 4 pts)	(4)	
		5b) Is the project in a high priority area? (max 2 pts)	(2)	
	6) Quantity of Benefit	Does the proposal quantify project benefits for target species? Will the project result in a major improvement or preservation of habitat function or species abundance/ diversity?	6	
	7) Synergy with Other Actions	Is the proposed project integrated with or complementing other restoration or protection actions in the subwatershed and is it expected to result in a clear, large net benefit (greater than the proposed project alone) because of this relationship?	6	
	Subscore		42	

Certainty of Benefit	8) Approach/ Science-Based	Is the proposed action consistent with proven scientific methods?	3		
	9) Scope	Does the project scope appropriately cover all project elements necessary to develop, implement, and complete the project?	3		
	10) Clear Goals and Objectives	Does the proposal include quantifiable actions, goals and SMART* objectives? "SMART" = specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound	3		
	Subscore		9		
Ability to Implement	11) Team Experience	Does the project sponsor have a demonstrated ability to complete projects as proposed, on time and according to budget?	3		
	12) Schedule/ Sequence	Does the proposal include a logical sequence of actions and is the milestone schedule realistic?	3		
	13) Permits	Are permits required for the project to proceed? If yes, what is the status of permit approval and is the permitting plan/schedule reasonable?	3		
	14) Landowners	Do the participating and affected landowners support the project?	3		
	15) Support Local Values	Does the proposal identify key stakeholders and document their support for the project? (i.e. documented support from social, economic, and cultural groups, and/or supporting values identified in adopted plans and policies)?	3		
	16) Long Term Education and Outreach	Will the project incorporate a long-term education/outreach program? Will the project foster a community conservation ethic through citizen involvement?	4		
	18) Partnerships	Will the project benefit from a diverse, multi-stakeholder partnership? Does the proposal significantly leverage limited salmon recovery funding?	3		
		Subscore		22	
		19) Budget & Cost Effectiveness	Is the project budget realistic and does it contain sufficient detail? Is the project cost effective?	5	
			19a) Does the proposal's budget provide sufficient detail to determine whether or not projected expenses are realistic to achieve the project's stated goals	(1)	
		19b) Does the project have a low cost a low cost relative to the predicted benefits for the project type in that location?	(2)		
		19c) Has the sponsor clearly leveraged available resources to reduce costs and maximize benefits (e.g., use of matching funds, volunteer labor, combining individual projects/tasks to reduce administrative costs, or other efficiencies). Match above and beyond the requirements.	(2)		
	Subscore		5		
	Total		78		