**WRIA 14 SRFB 2016 Round**

**Technical Advisory Group Project Reviewer Scoresheet**

**RESTORATION PROJECTS**

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| Applicant : | Project Title: |
| Reviewer: | Date: |
| TOTAL SCORE: /65 | RANK: |

*General Guidance: A higher score equals a greater benefit to salmon.*

*A note from Scott Steltzner on Squaxin Island Fisheries priorities:*

The Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resources Department supports the salmon habitat protection and restoration strategy adopted by WRIA 14. The Tribe views this document as an important step that will lead to true recovery plans for the WRIA’s ecosystem.

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council has mandated that all species and their habitat be recovered to sustainable and harvestable levels. However, the Council recognizes that faced with limited resources prioritization must occur at the species, geographic or project level. Tribal priority species for salmonids which are mirrored in the strategy include chum, coho, cutthroat and steelhead for freshwater systems and chum, coho, cutthroat, steelhead and Chinook for marine waters.

The Tribe looks forward to working with our partners at the State and local level in taking the next step of using the information contained in the strategy to devise true ecosystem recovery plans.

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| **GENERAL STREAM PRIORITY** | **Tier** |  |  |
|  | **A** | **B** | **C** |
|  | Cranberry | Campbell | Pickering Passage Tribs |
|  | Deer | County Line | Shelton |
|  | Goldsborough | Hiawata | Uncle Johns |
|  | Gosnell / Mill | Lynch |  |
|  | Johns | Malaney |  |
|  | Kennedy | Schneider |  |
|  | Schumocher / Sherwood | Snodgrass |  |
|  | Skookum |  |  |

**Landowner Acknowledgement Form** *Choose the option that fits best*

* Landowners are willing to have the work done. The sponsor has provided a signed Landowner Acknowledgement Form or verbal verification that the landowner understands that the project is being proposed for funding. *1 point*
* The landowner’s willingness is not documented. *0 points*

*One point possible*

**Action and Areas** *Choose the option that fits best*

* Is the project occurring in a high priority area for restoration as indicated by relevant nearshore documents, as identified within relevant nearshore studies, or occurs in a Tier A stream? *If yes, 5 points.*
* Is the project occurring in a medium priority area for restoration as indicated by the nearshore project selection tool or in a Tier B stream? *If yes, 3 points.*
* Is the project occurring in a low priority area for restoration as indicated by the nearshore project selection tool or in a Tier C stream? *If yes, 1 point.*

*Five points possible*

**Habitat Features and Processes** *Choose the option that fits best*

* The project addresses high priority habitat features and/or watershed processes that significantly protects or limits salmonid productivity in the area. *5 points*
* The project may not address the most important limiting factor in the area but will improve salmonid habitat conditions. *3 points*
* The project has not been proven to address an important salmonid habitat condition in the area. *0-1 point*

*Five points possible*

**Scientific**

1. Is there a direct and tangible benefit to salmon? *0*-*3 points*
2. Is the site identified on the 4-YWP, through an assessment or scientific opinion? *0-3 points*

*Six possible points*

**Feasibility**

1. Can the project as it is proposed accomplish the identified objective?

*Yes=1, no=0*

1. Does the sponsor have the necessary expertise in this area to accomplish the project objective? *Yes=1, no=0*

*Two possible points*

**Species**

1. Is there documented fish habitat in the project area? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Yes=3, no=0*

1. Does the project support Squaxin Island Tribal fish priorities? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Yes=3, no=0

1. Does the project support multiple salmonid species? *Give one point for each salmonid species benefitting from this project, maximum of four points possible (chum, Coho, Chinook, Steelhead / rainbow trout, pink, sockeye, and cutthroat) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*10 points possible*

**Life History** *Choose the option that fits best*

* The project addresses an important life history stage or habitat type that limits the productivity of the salmonid species in the area and/or the project addresses multiple life history requirements. *5 points*
* The project addresses fewer life history stages or habitat types that limit the productivity of salmonid species in the area or addresses fewer life history requirements. *3 points*
* It is unclear if the project addresses salmonid life history stages.0-*1 point*

*Five points possible*

**Cost**

1. In your professional opinion, does the project represent a sound investment of public funds? *0* - *4 points*
2. Does the project have a low to reasonable cost relative to the predicted benefits? *0 - 3 points*

*Seven possible points*

**Approach** *Choose the option(s) that fits best*

* Is the proposed implementation method consistent with proven scientific methods? *3 points – choose this option or the one below*
* If the project is implementing a new, innovative approach, does it have an adaptive management plan? *3 points – choose this option or the one above*
* Will the project serve as an effective demonstration project? *1 point – can be stand alone or in tandem with the approaches listed above.*

*Four points possible*

**Sequence** *Choose the option that fits best*

* Is the project in the correct sequence and is independent of other actions being taken first? *5 points*
* Is the project dependent upon actions being taken first that are outside the scope of the proposal? *3 points*
* Is the project out of sequence with other protection and restoration actions? *0-1 point*

*Five points possible*

**Threat**

1. Is the habitat threatened if the project does not proceed this year?

*0-3 points possible, with 0 being the lowest threat and 3 being the highest*

**Stewardship Capacity** *Choose the option that fits best*

* The proposal clearly describes and funds stewardship of the area for at least 10 years. *5 points*
* The proposal describes but does not fund stewardship of the area for at least 10 years. *3 points*
* The proposal does not describe or fund stewardship of the area. *0-1 point*

*Five points possible*

**Implementation** *Choose the option that fits best*

* Actions needed to implement the project are scheduled, funded (if applicable), and ready to take place and have few or no known constraints to successful implementation. *5 points*
* The project has few known constraints to successful implementation. *3 points*
* Actions are unscheduled, unfunded, and not ready to take place and/or have several constraints to successful implementation. *0-1 point*

*Five points possible*

**Restoration Potential**

* Does the project consider surrounding (neighboring properties) zoning, habitat conditions, etc. that will affect the overall likelihood the restoration performed will be successful long-term? *0-2 points*

*Two points possible*

**GRAND TOTAL:**